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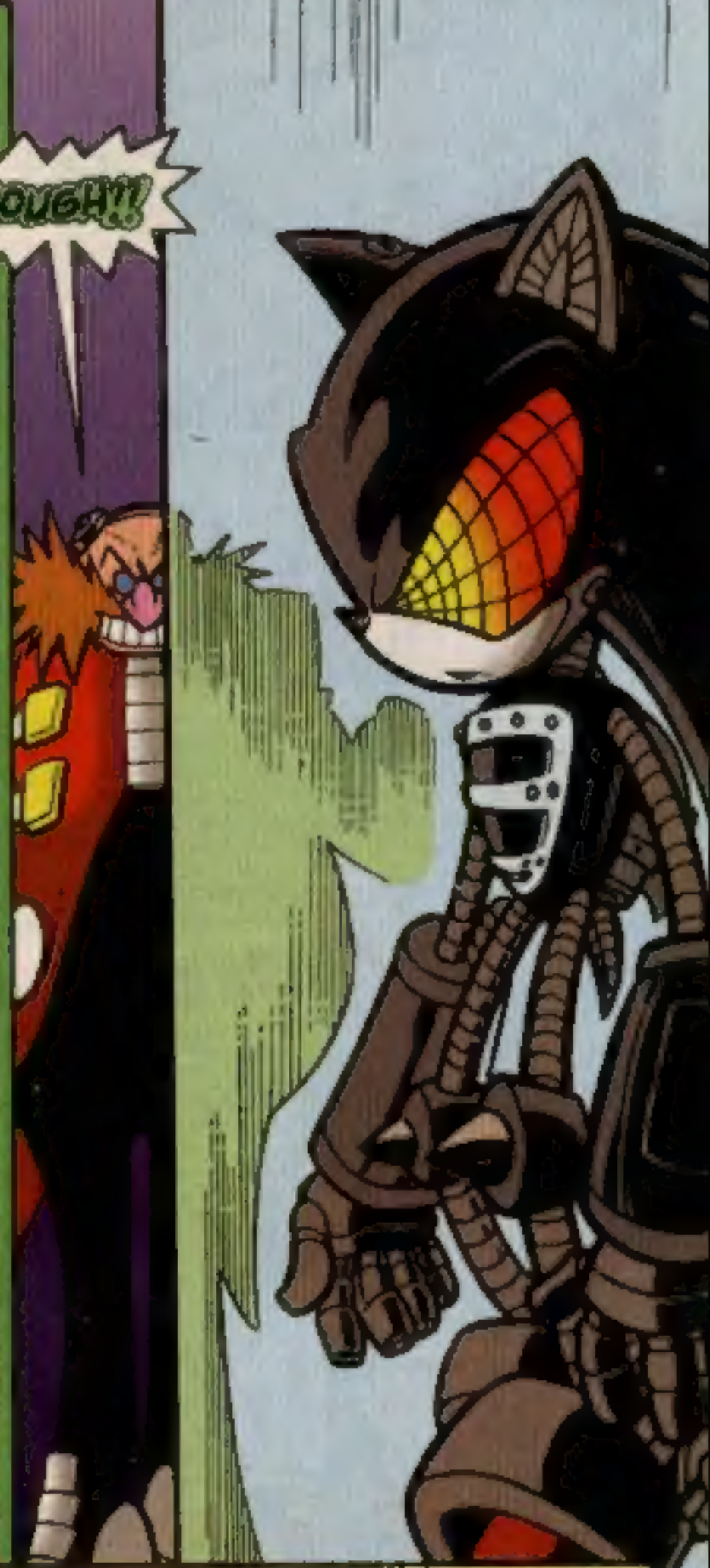
THAT BLASTED BLUE HEDGEHOG DEFEATED MY POOR CHAOS! WHAT A WASTE OF A PERFECTLY GOOD WATER MONSTER!

WELL, IT'S TIME FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TO GET EVEN...

...AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT!



**HO!
HO!
HO!
HO!**



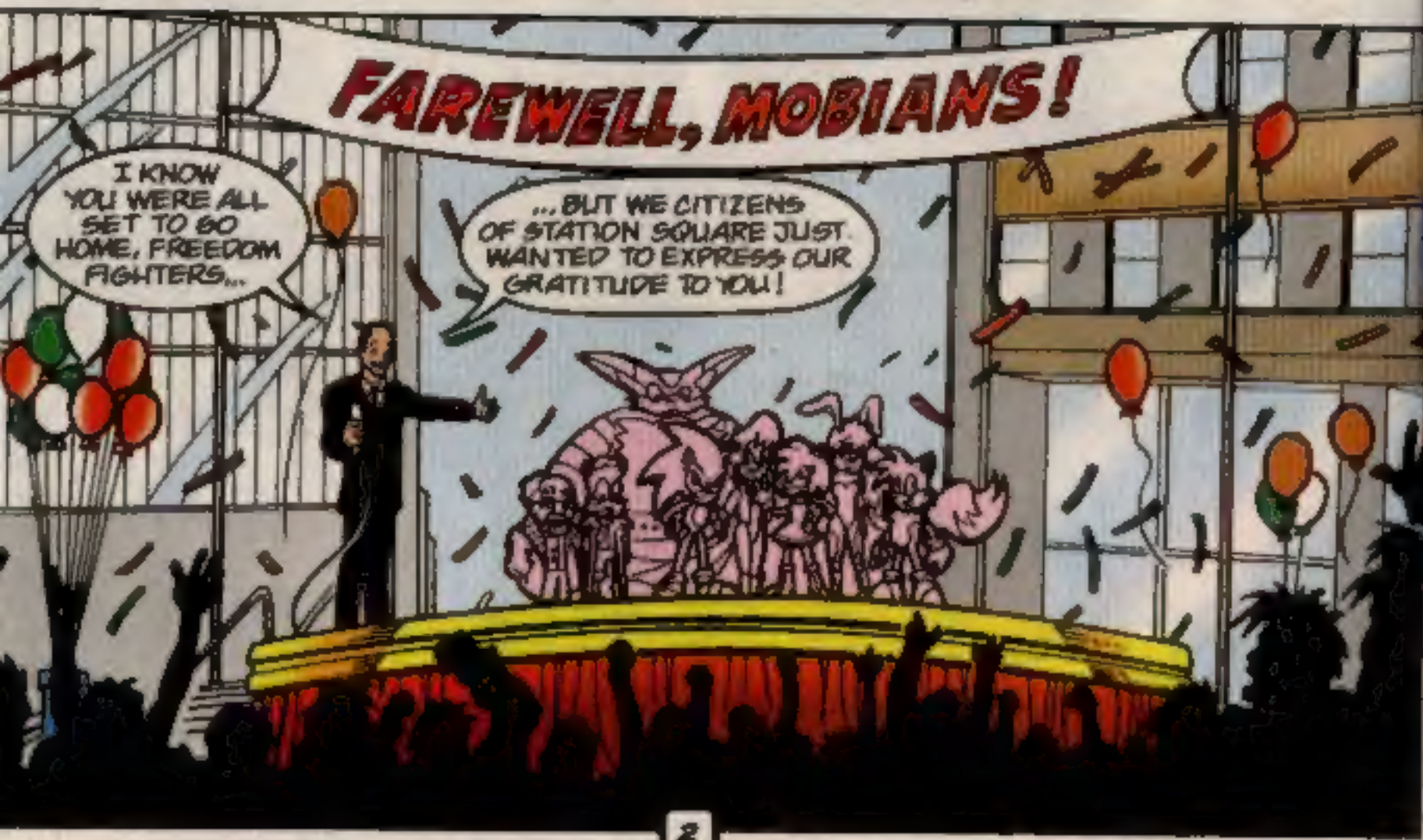
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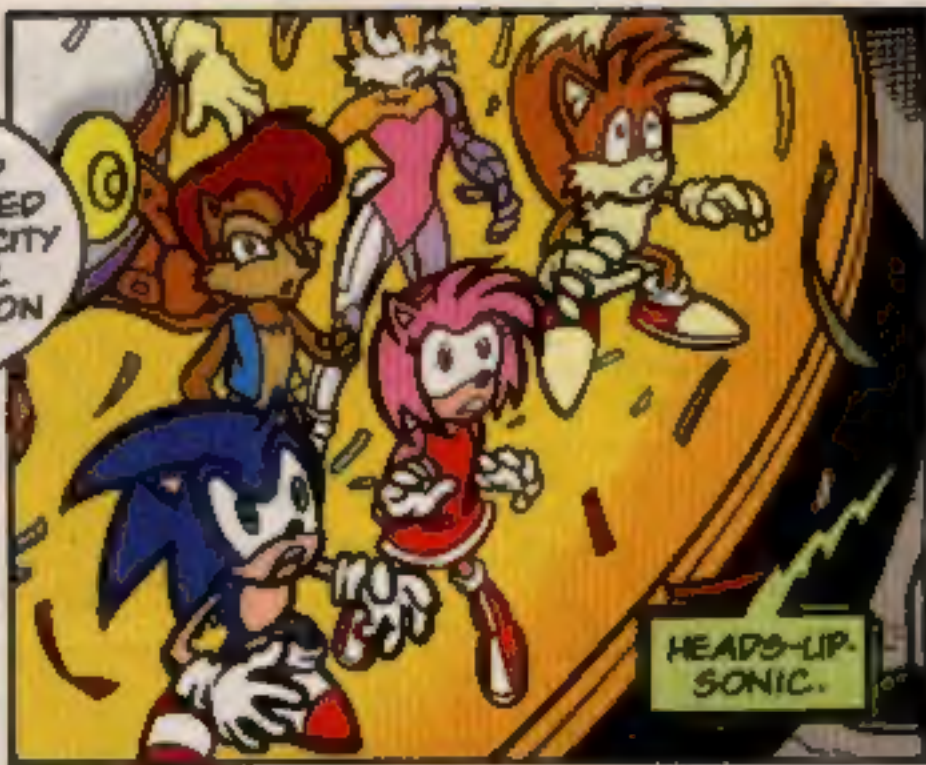
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FROM TOTAL
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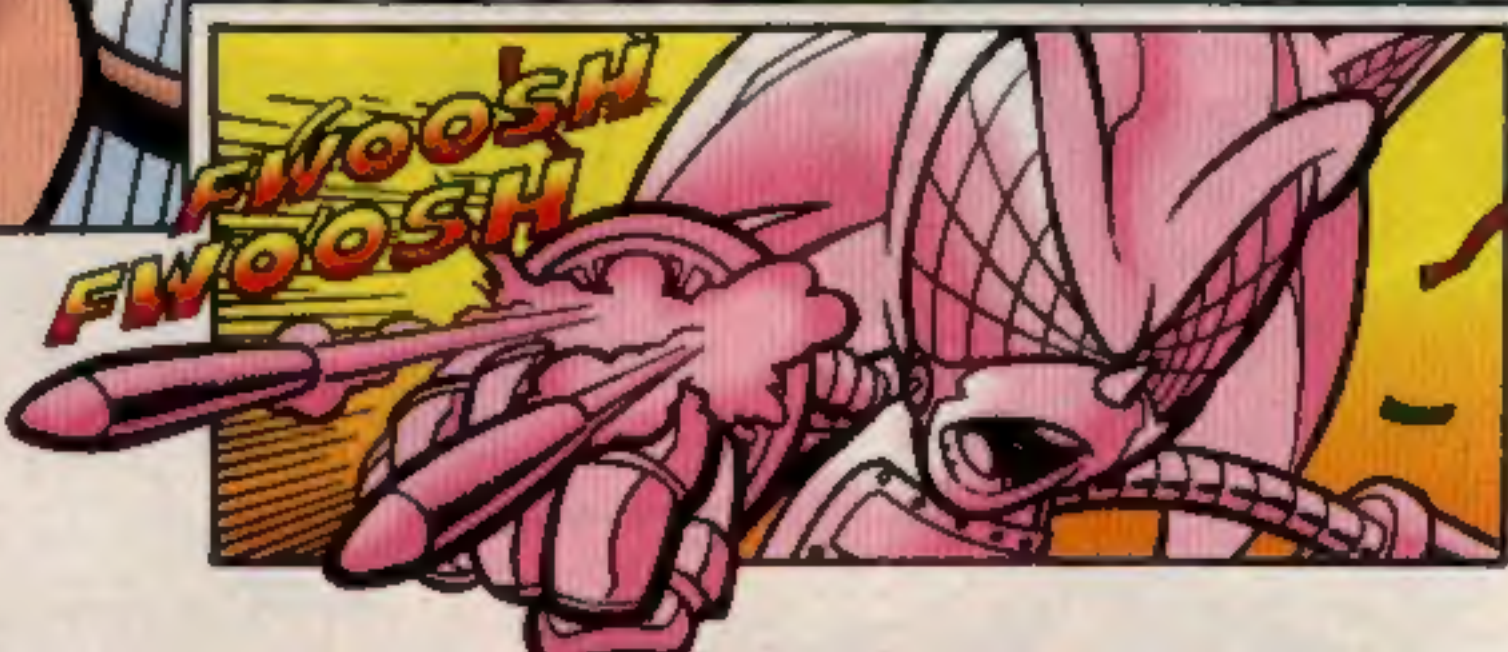
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SETTLE-WITH-YOU-AND-I-AM
JUST-THE-HERO-HOG-TO-DO-IT.

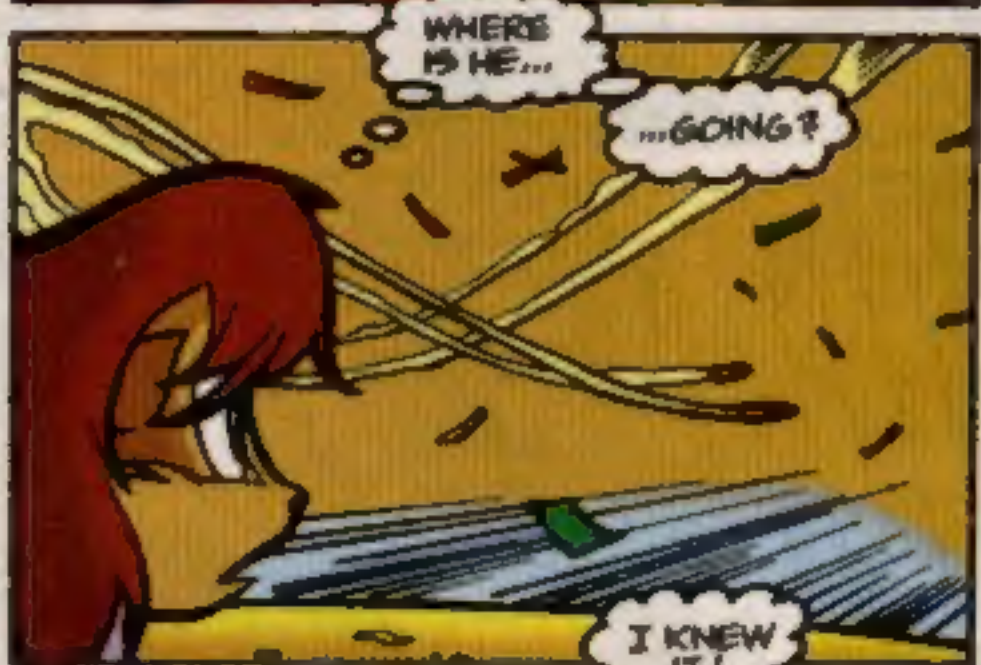
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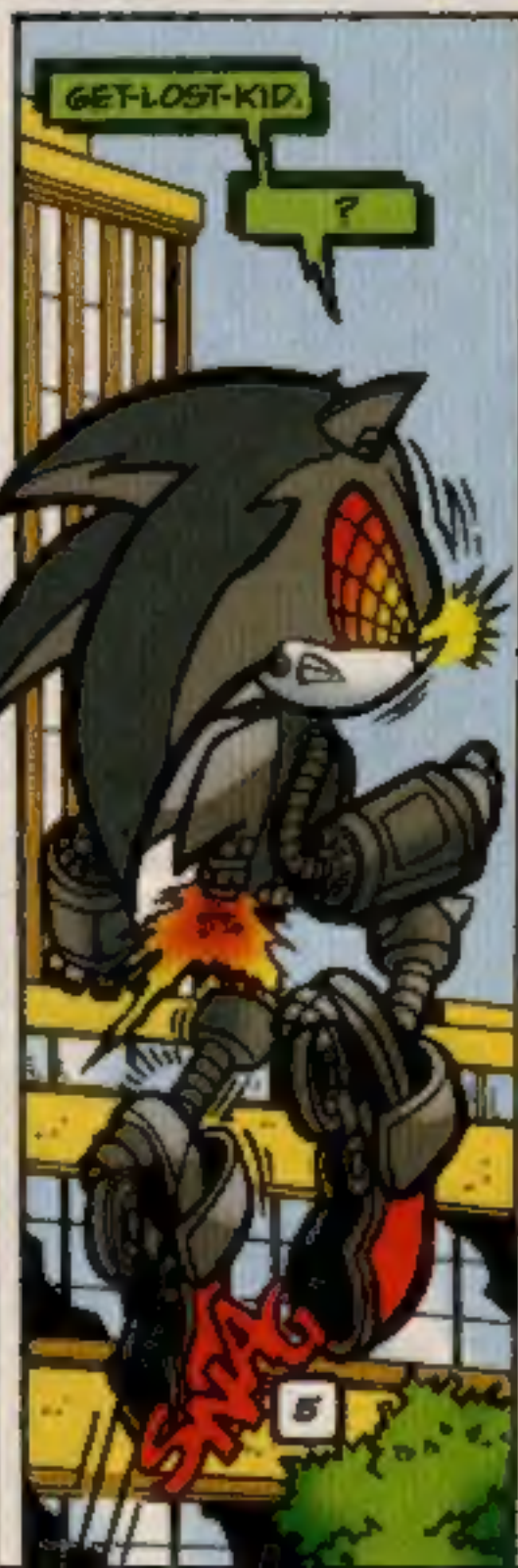
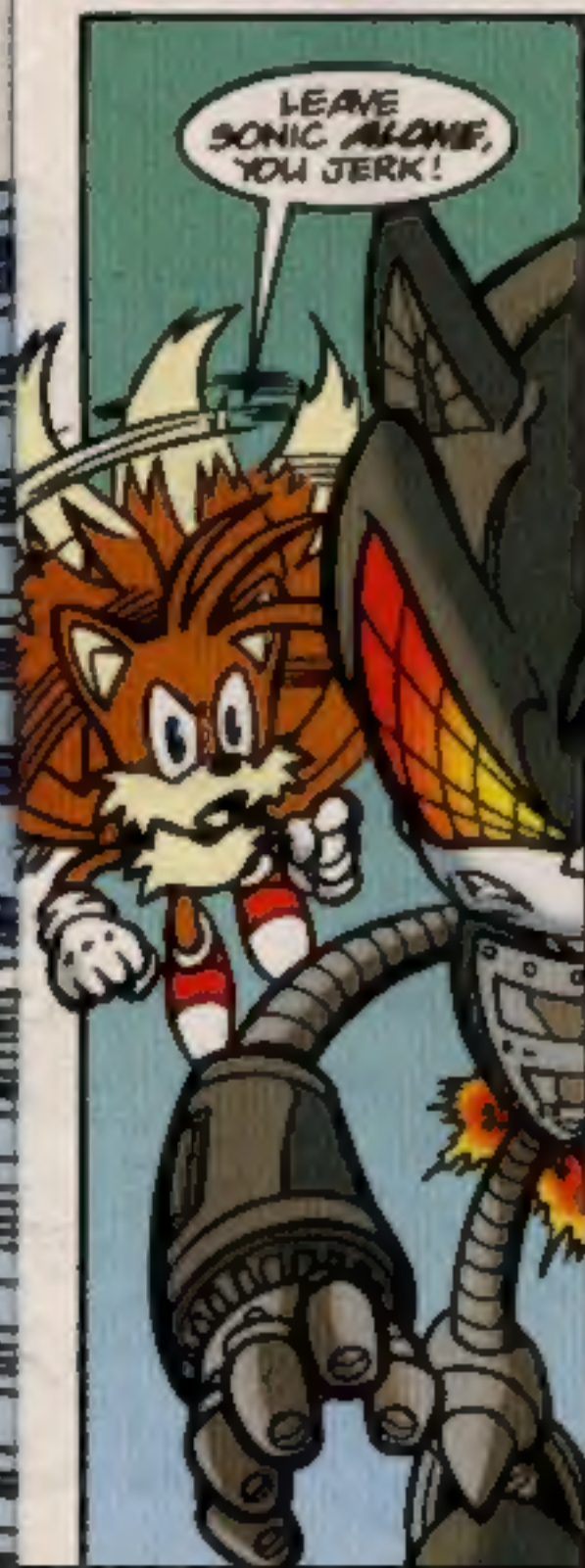
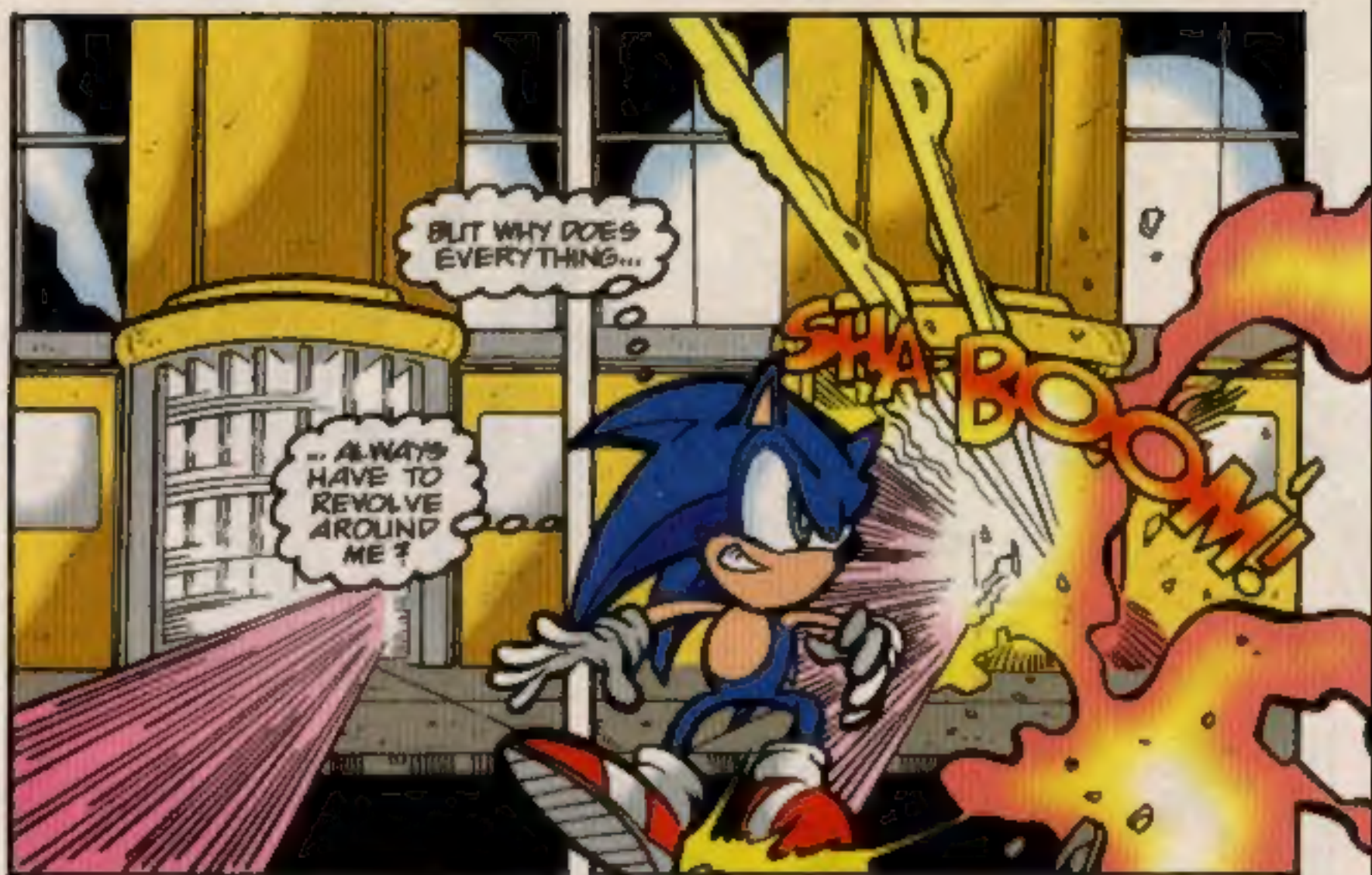


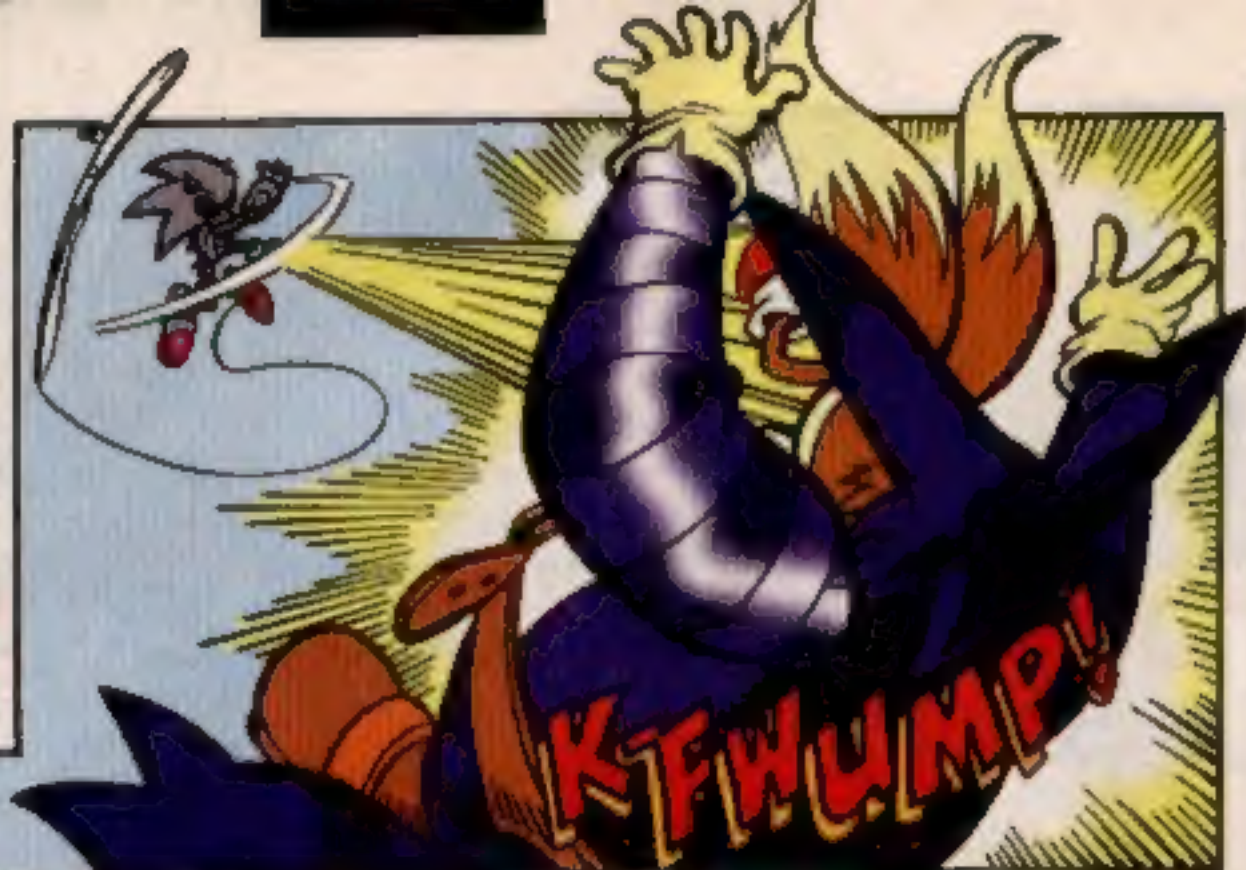
WAY-FAST.



FWOOSH
FWOOSH









ADMIT IT,
METAL HEAD!
I'VE GOT YOU
AGAINST THE
ROPES!

AS-IF.

LET-ME-BREAK-IT-
DOWN-FOR-YOU.

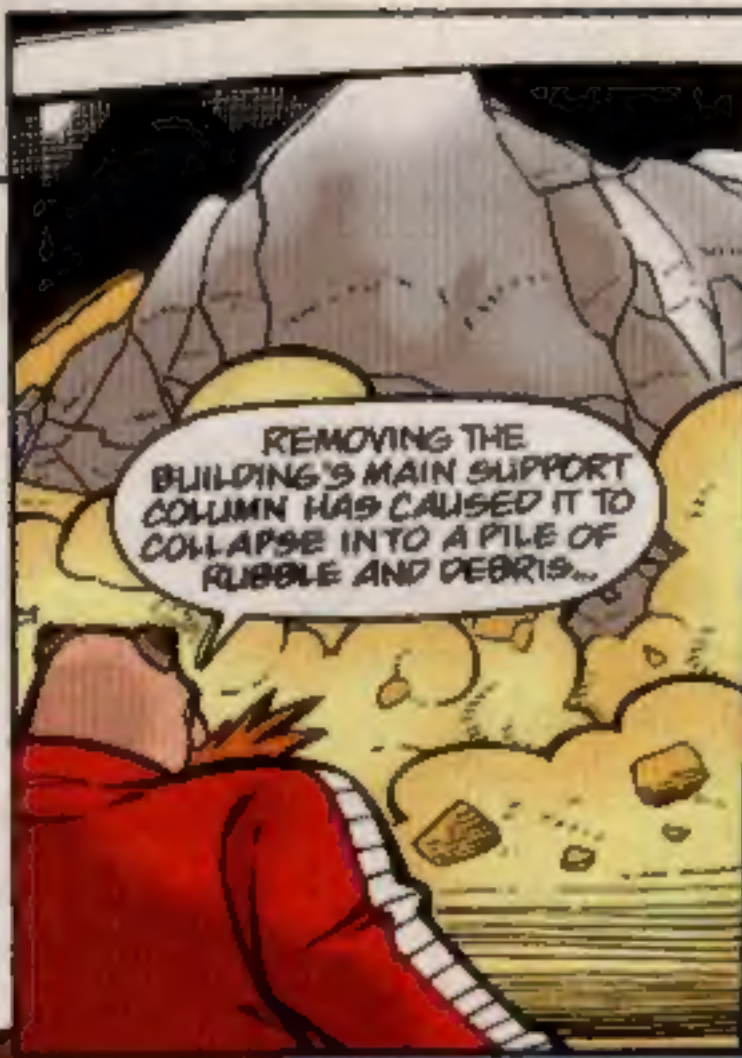


ARE YOU
CRAZY?

KER-RUNCH!



LIKE A FOX,
RODENT--AND I'M NOT
REFERRING TO YOUR
TWO-TAILED FRIEND,
EITHER!

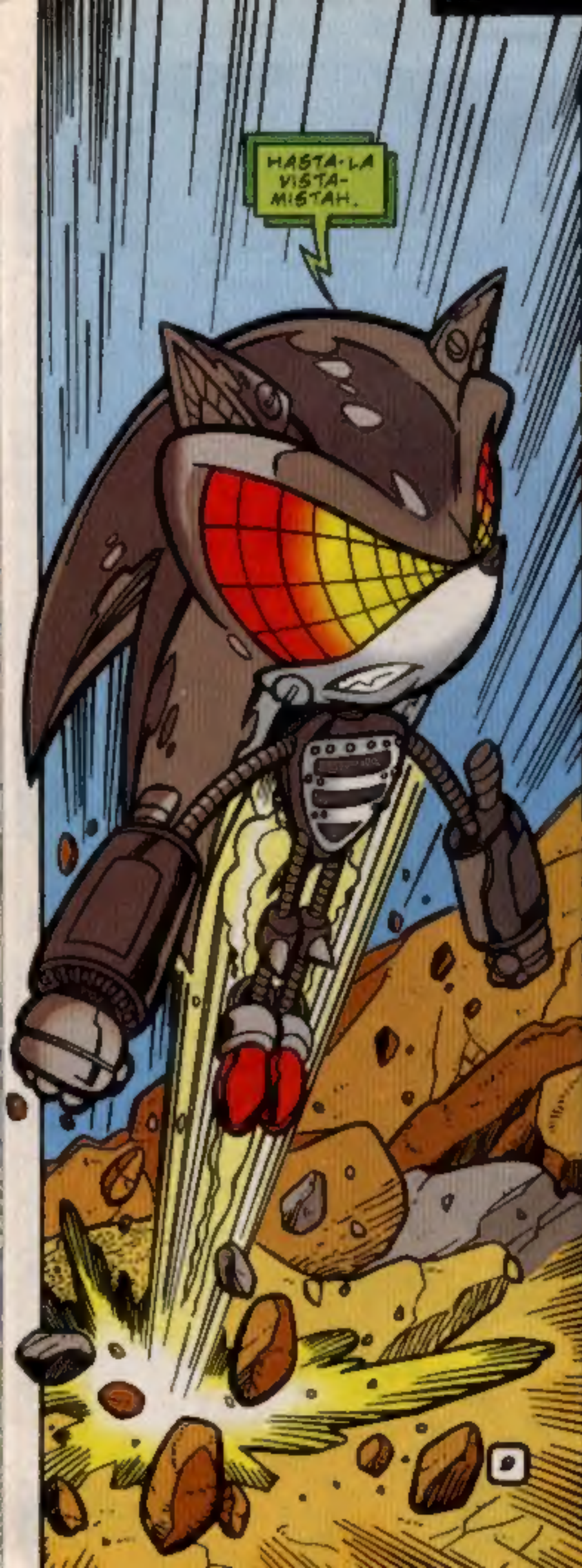


REMOVING THE
BUILDING'S MAIN SUPPORT
COLUMN HAS CAUSED IT TO
COLLAPSE INTO A PILE OF
RUBBLE AND DEBRIS...



...FROM
WHICH ONLY
SILVER SONIC II
CAN EMERGE
TRIUMPHANT!

HO! HO!
HO! HO!
HO!



HASTA-LA
VISTA-
MISTAH.



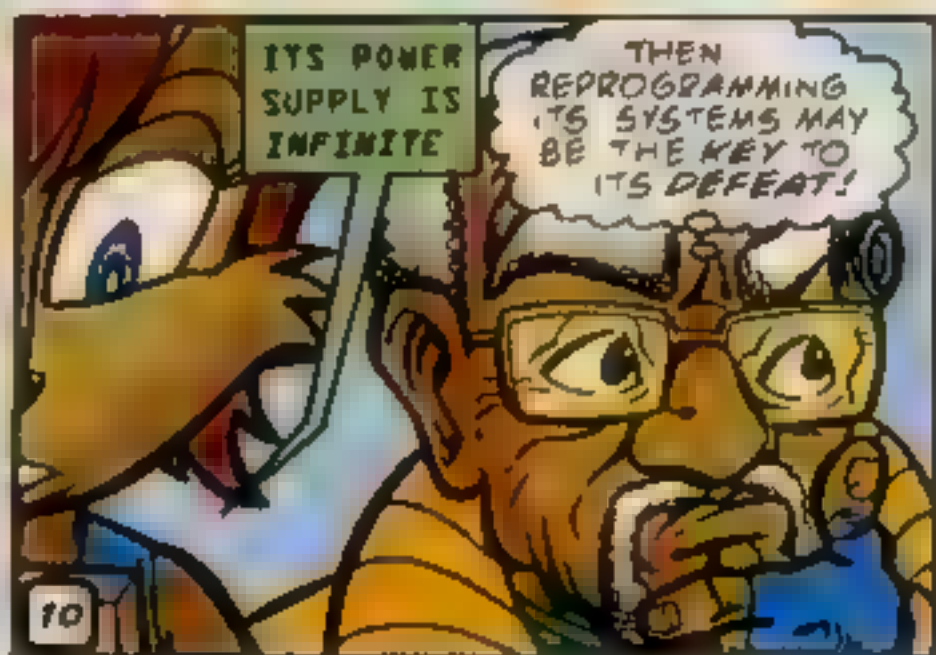
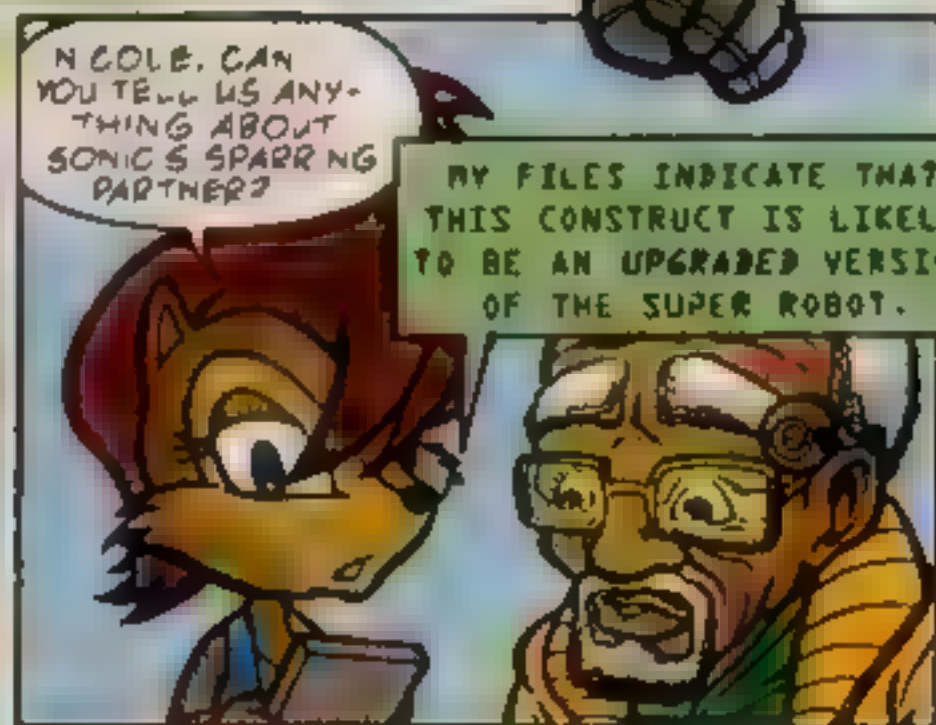
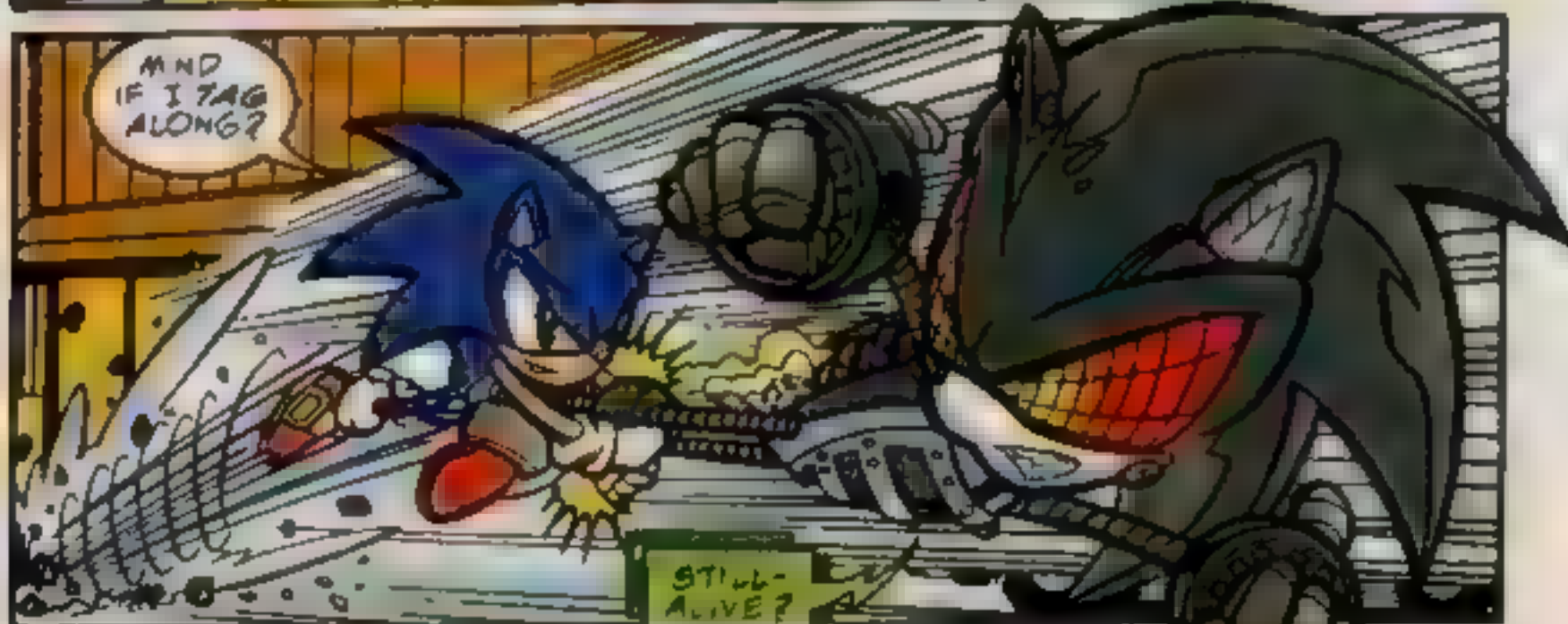
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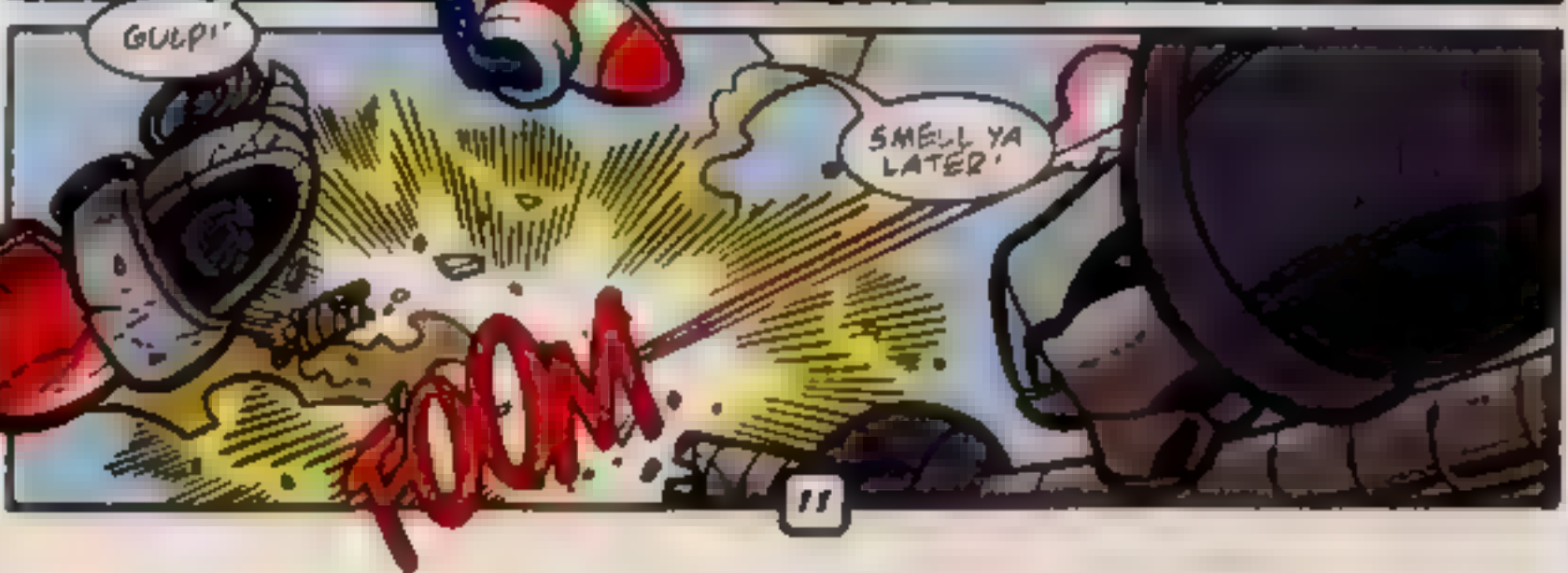
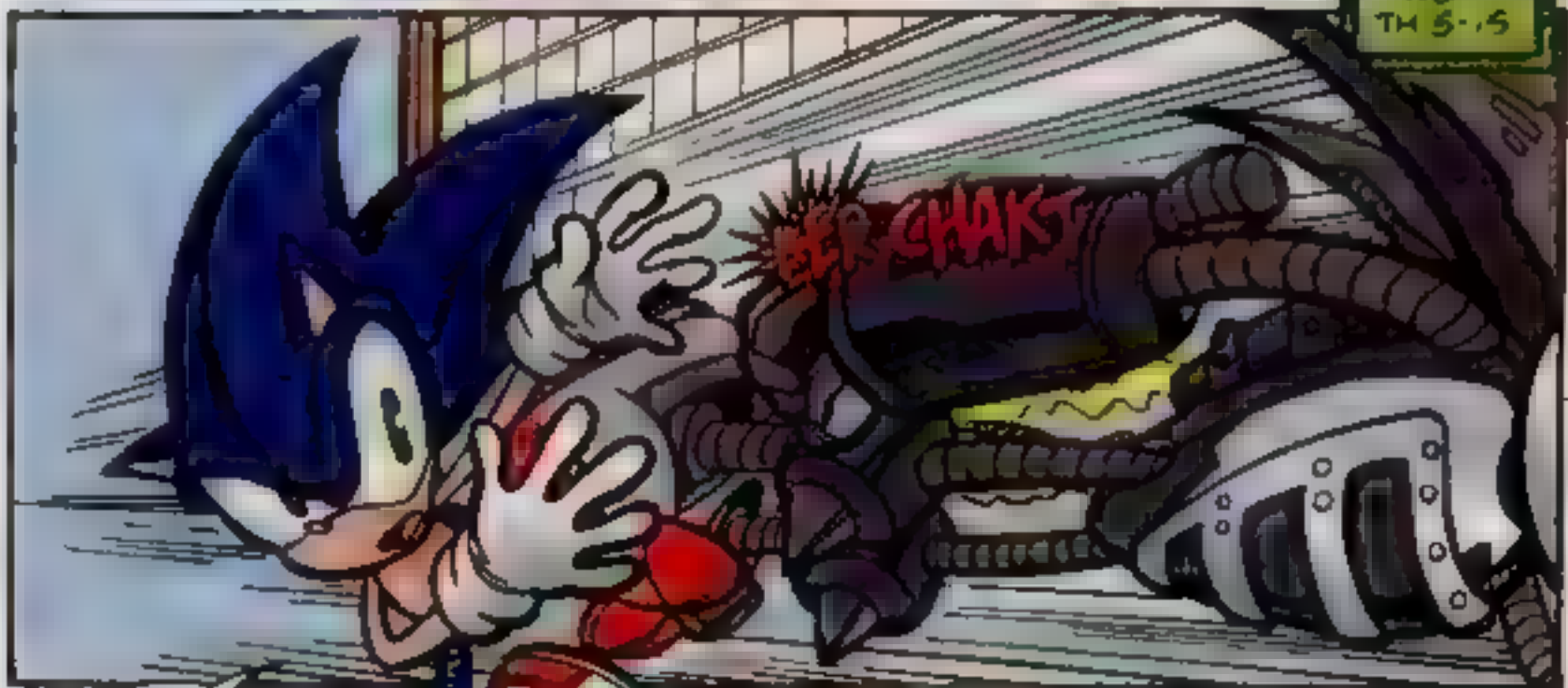
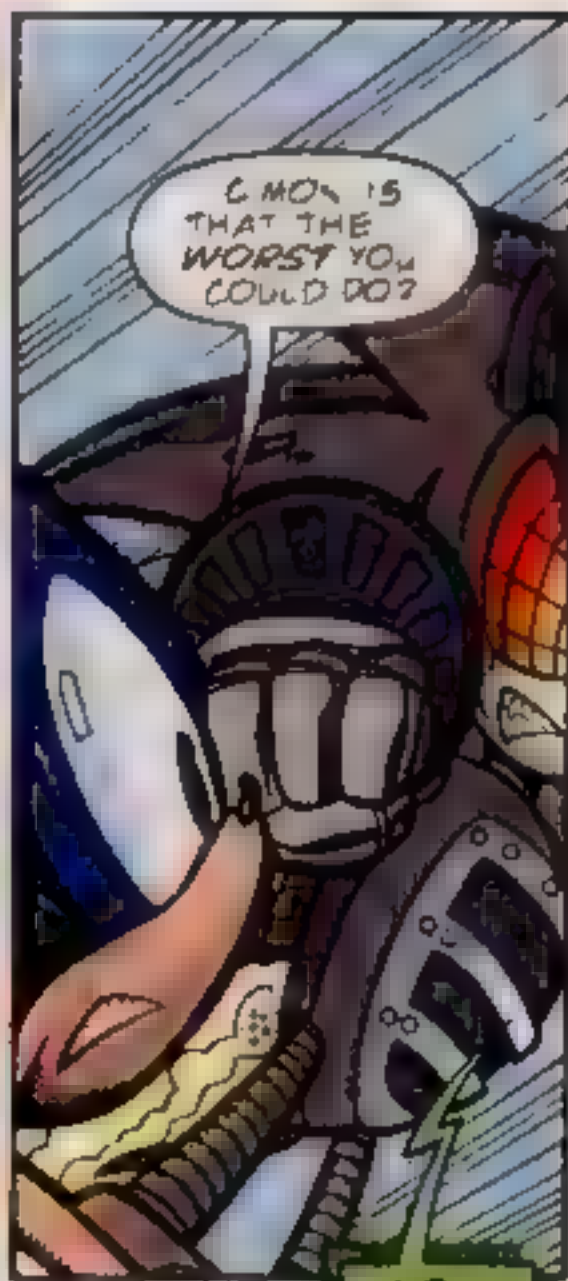
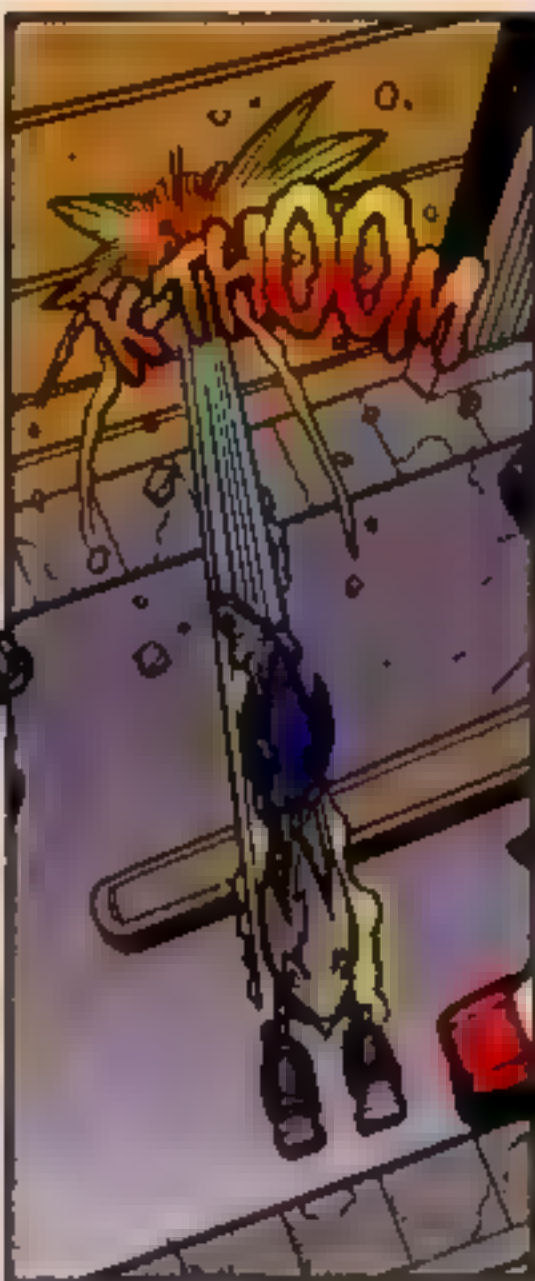
DIE QUICKLY,
EVERYONE! WE
HAVE TO DETERMINE
THE EXTENT OF
THE LAD'S...

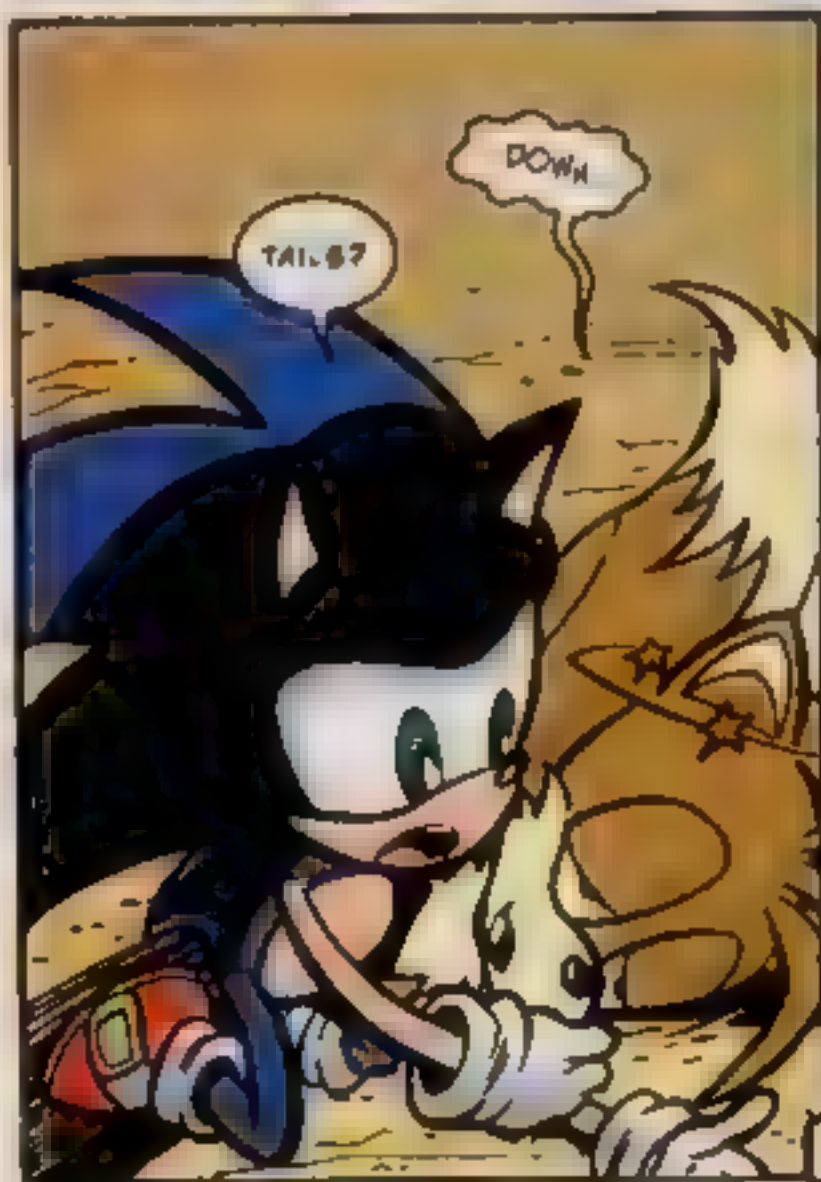
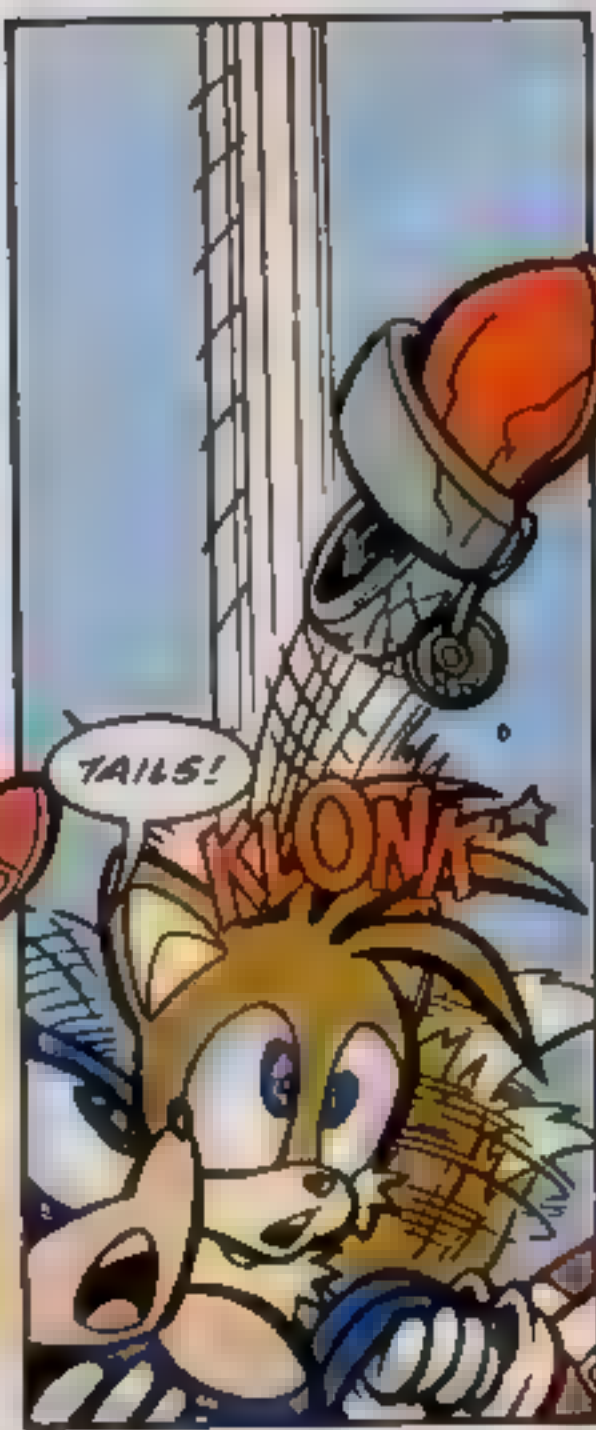
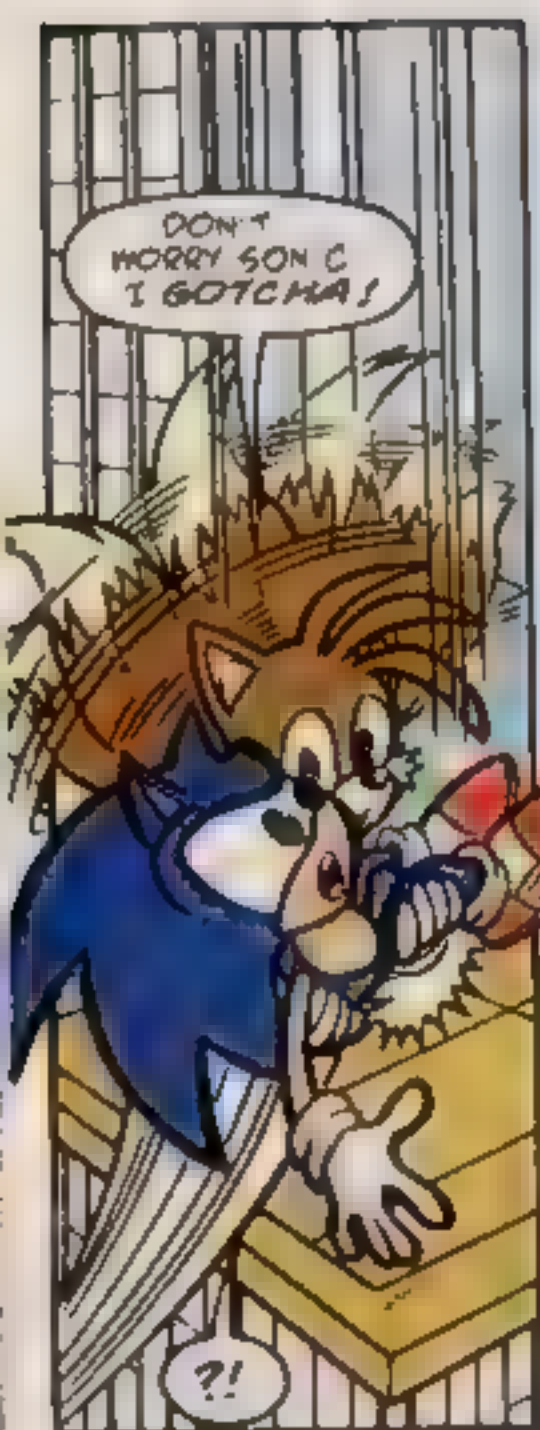


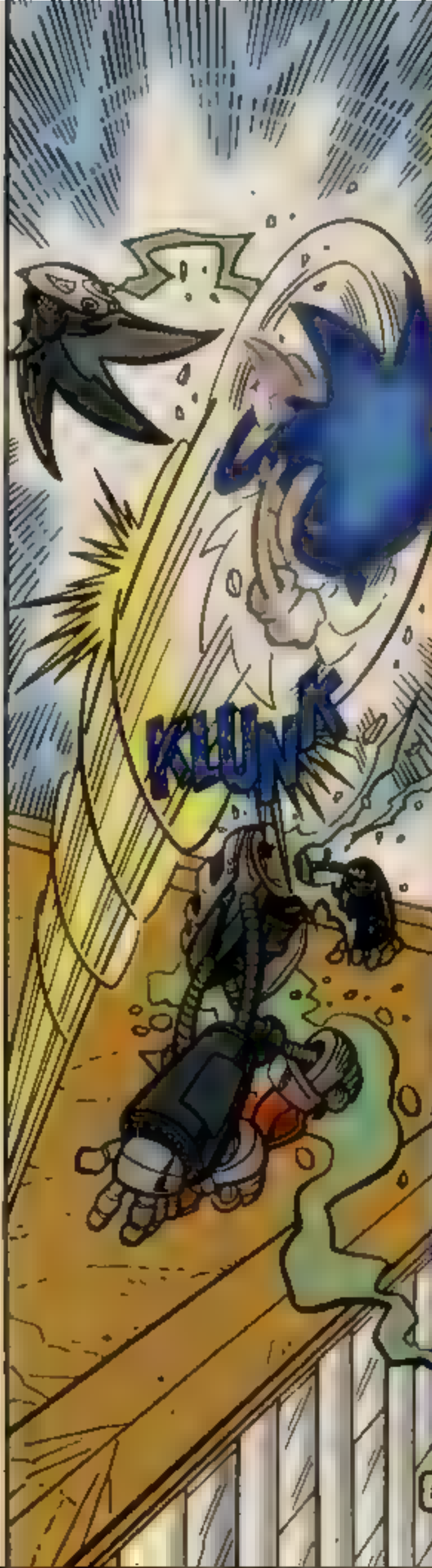
...INJURED?
WELL,
I'LL BE...

SONIC'S GONE
UNDERGROUND AND
AH THINK THAT'S
GOTTA MEAN...









BOGUS-
BOGUS-
BOGUS-
BOGUS-
BOGUS

PHOOEY
I'VE LOST ALL
VISUAL
CONTACT--

TALES,
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?

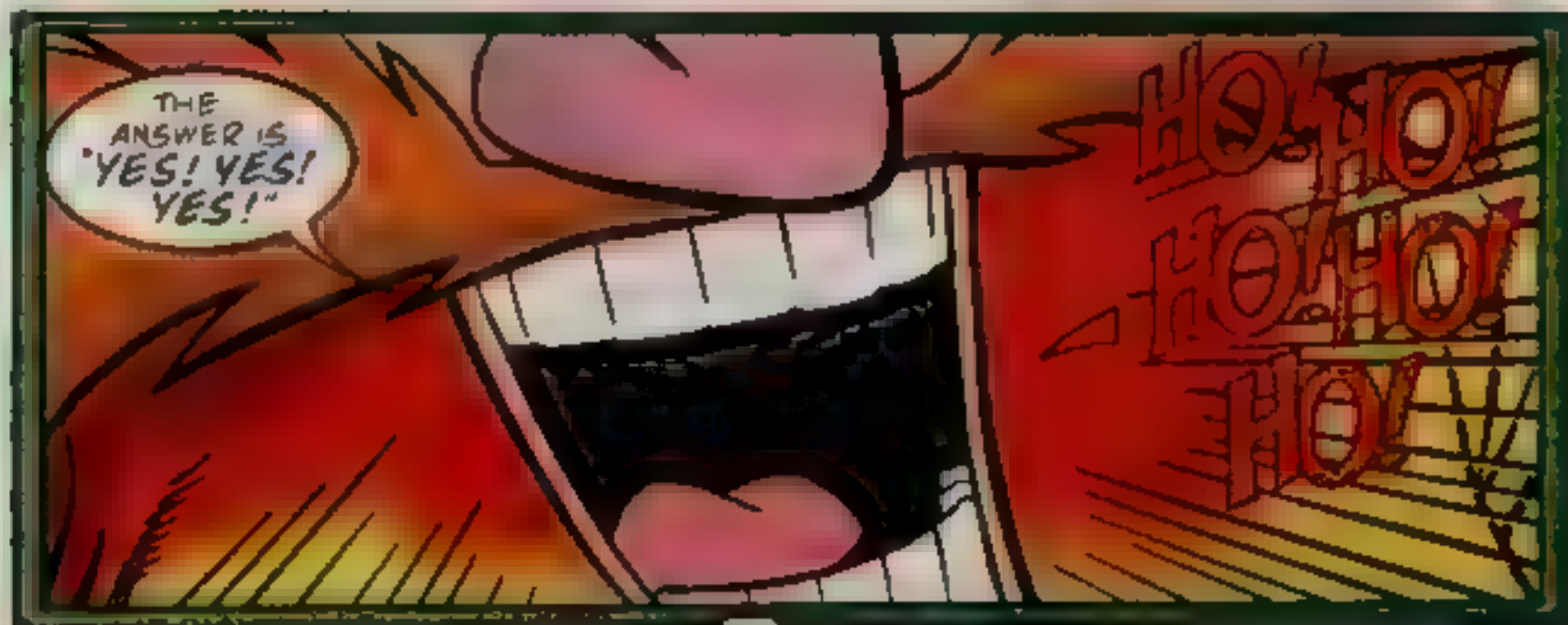
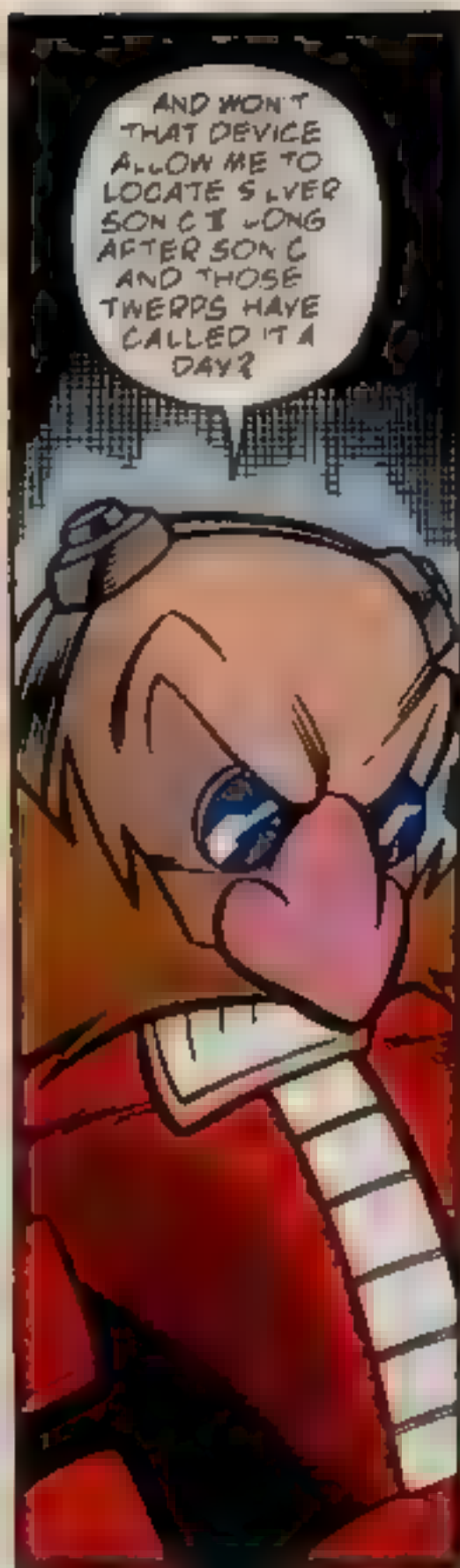
THEY'RE UP HERE
EVERYONE

UH-HUH.

AND
SILVIA'S
SON C'S
HISTORY!

TRUE
ENOUGH.

BUT WHAT'S
TO PREVENT ROBOTNIK
FROM TRYING TO TAKE
OVER STATON SQUARE
ONCE WE'VE
DEPARTED?

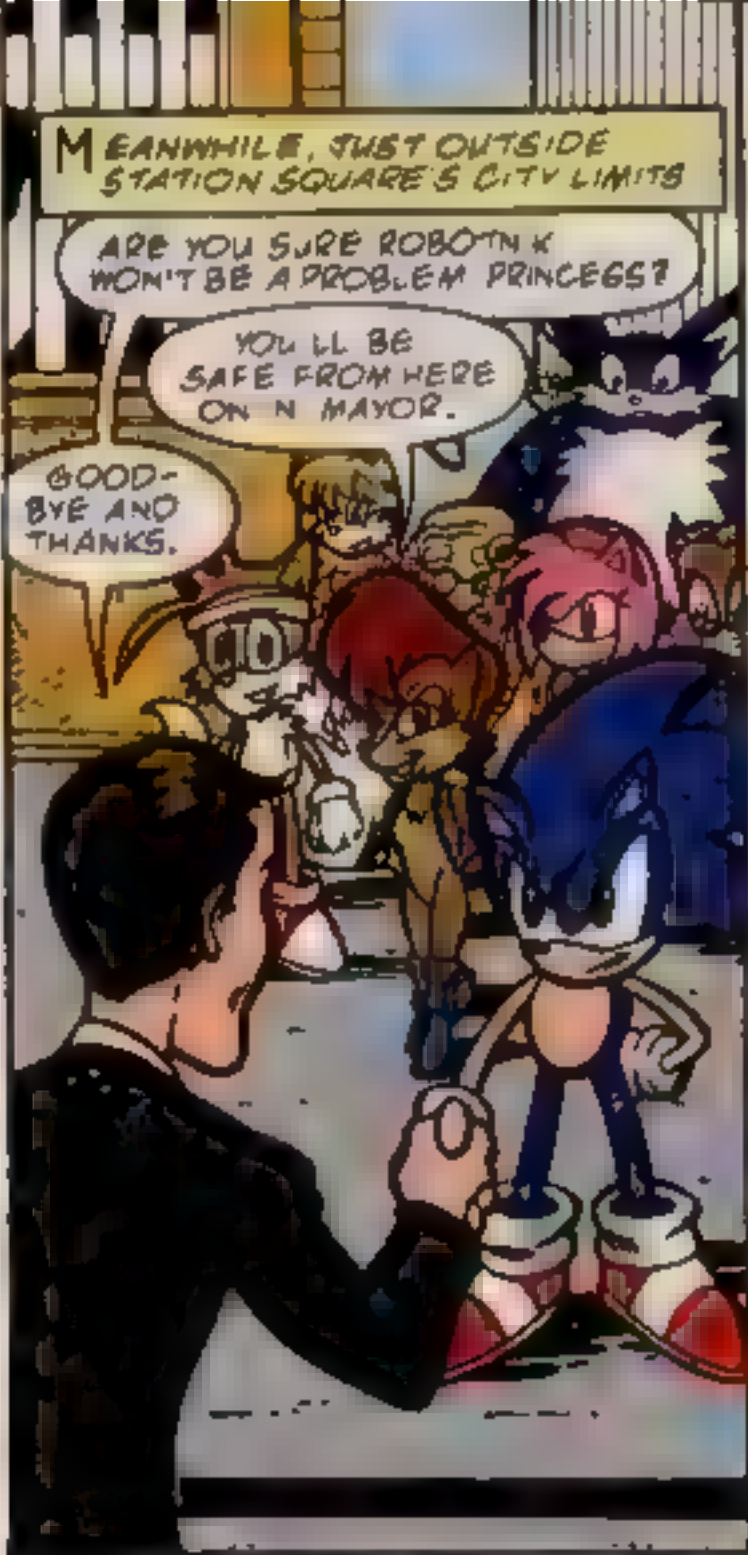


MEANWHILE, JUST OUTSIDE
STATION SQUARE'S CITY LIMITS

ARE YOU SURE ROBOTNIK
WON'T BE A PROBLEM PRINCESS?

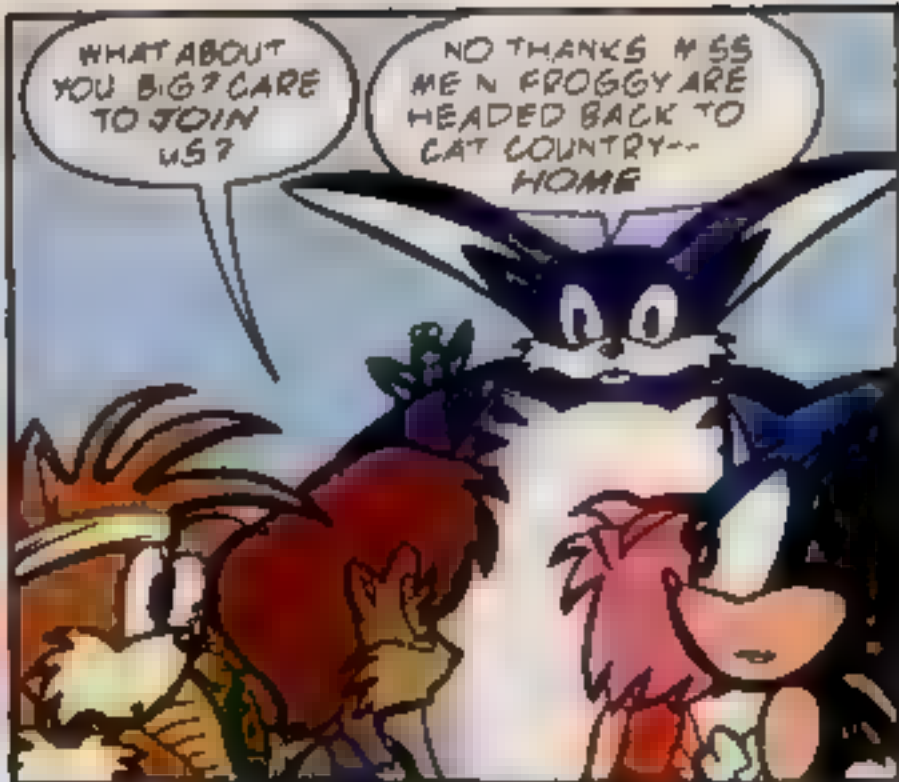
YOU'LL BE
SAFE FROM HERE
ON N MAYOR.

GOOD-
BYE AND
THANKS.

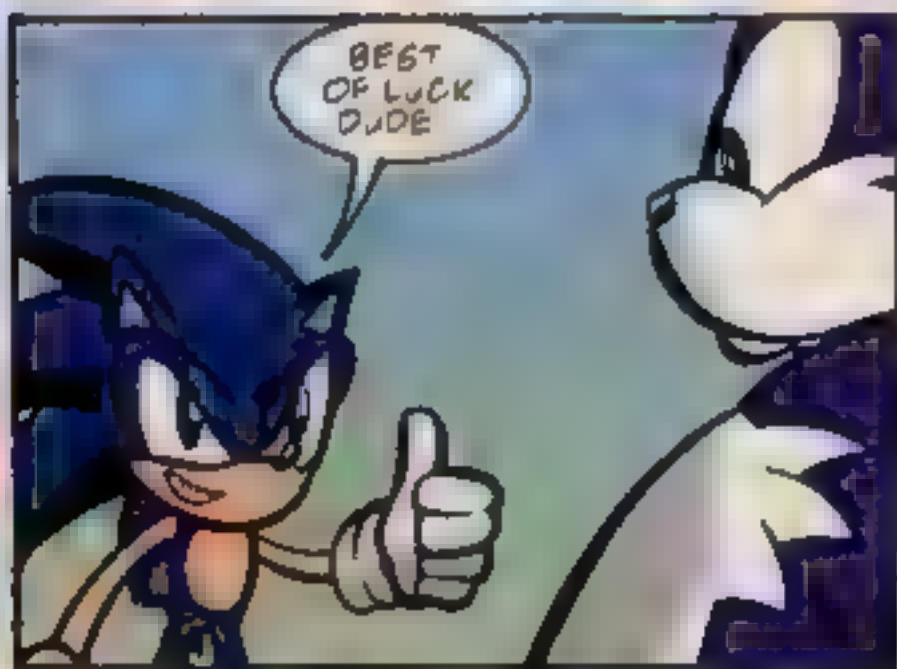


WHAT ABOUT
YOU BIG? CARE
TO JOIN
US?

NO THANKS MESS
MEN FROGGY ARE
HEADED BACK TO
CAT COUNTRY--
HOME



BEST
OF LUCK
DUDE



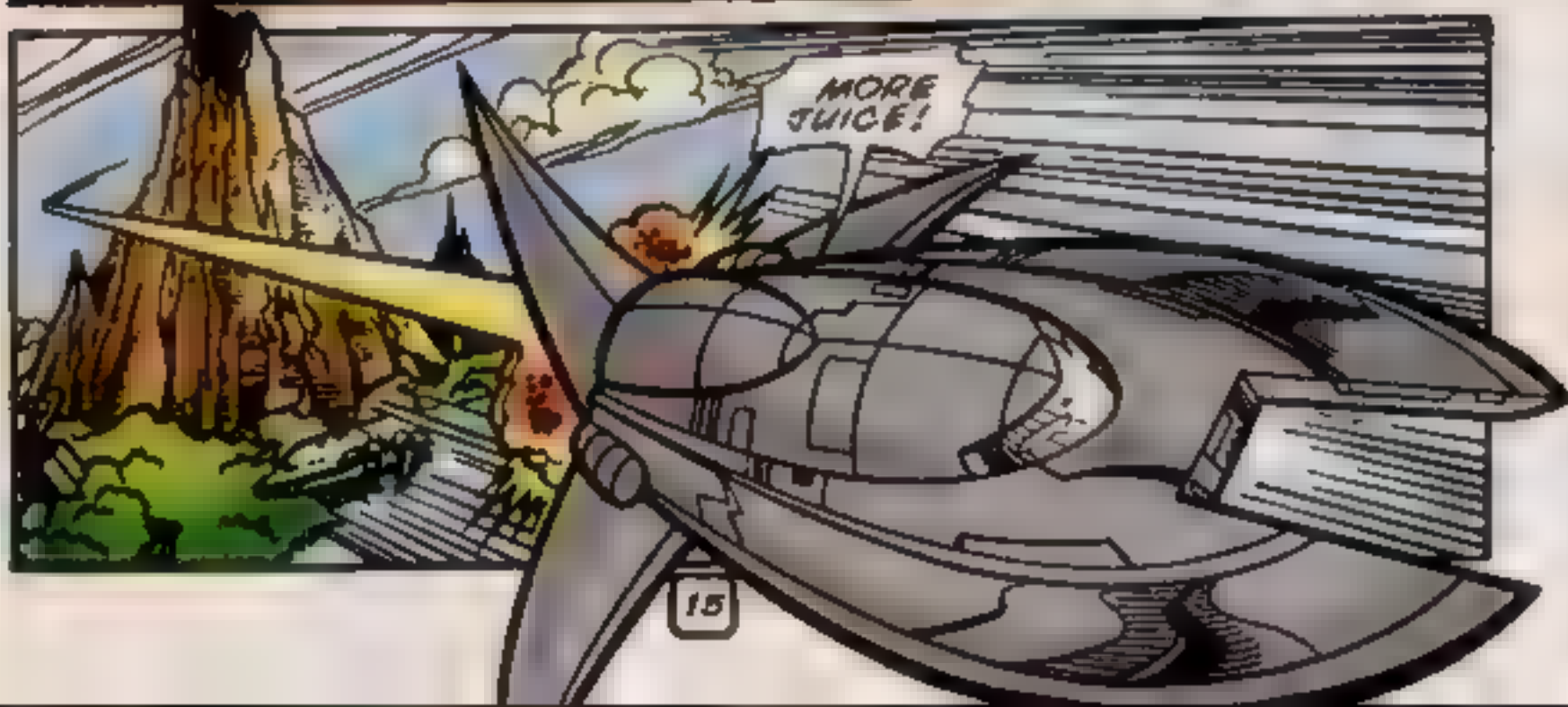
THERE SHE BEZ!
ZEE FREEDOM FIGHTER
SPECIALE! JUST AS WE
LEFT HER, EH?

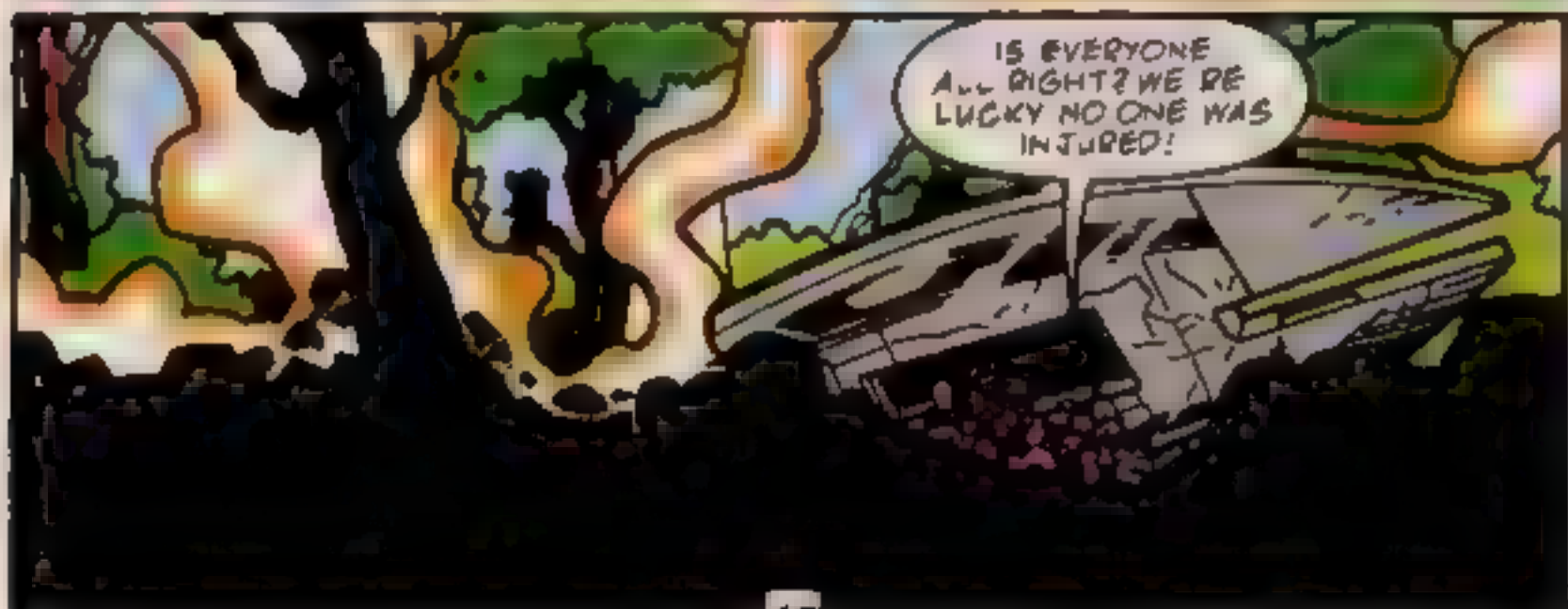
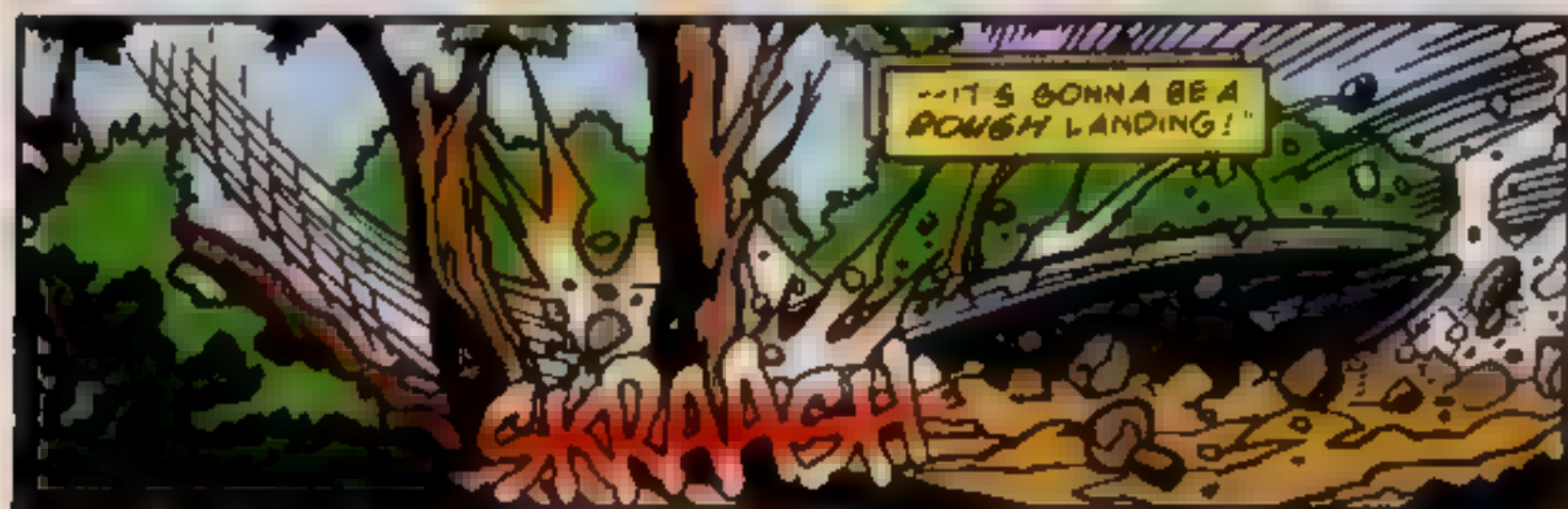
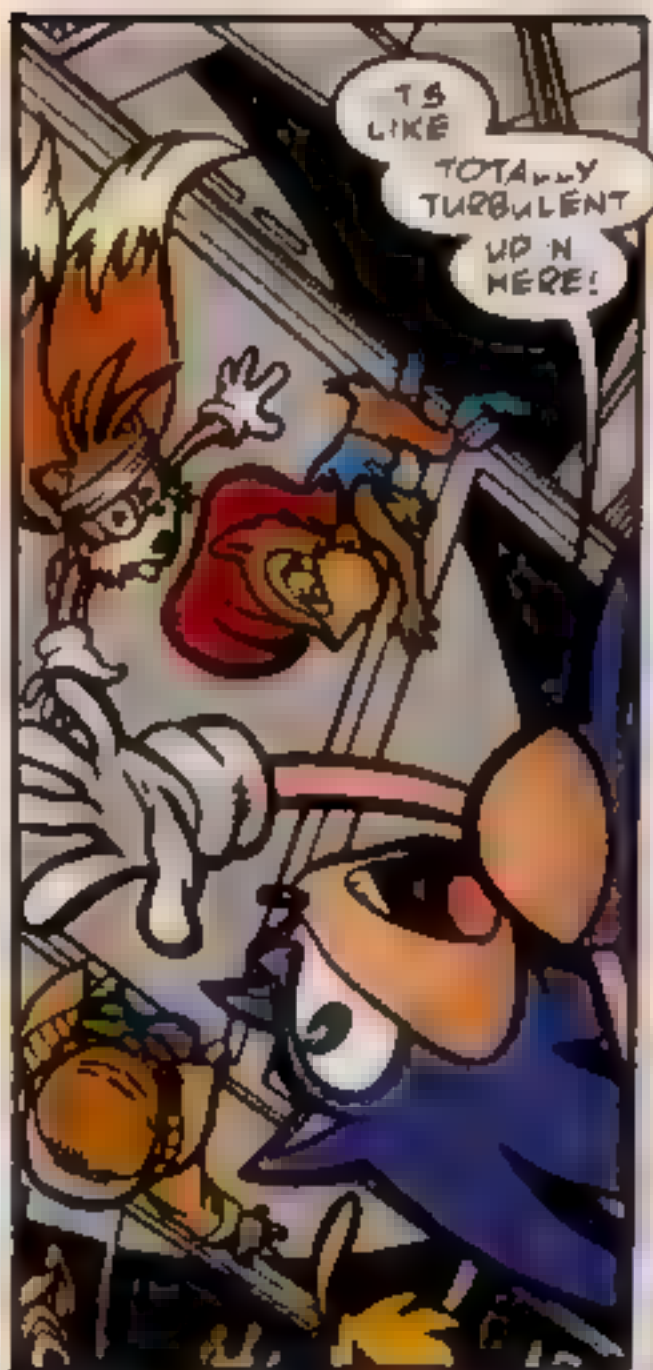
SUGAR-TONE,
YOU'VE GOT A REAL
FLAIR FOR THE
OBVIOUS!

LESS
TALK...



MORE
JUICE!





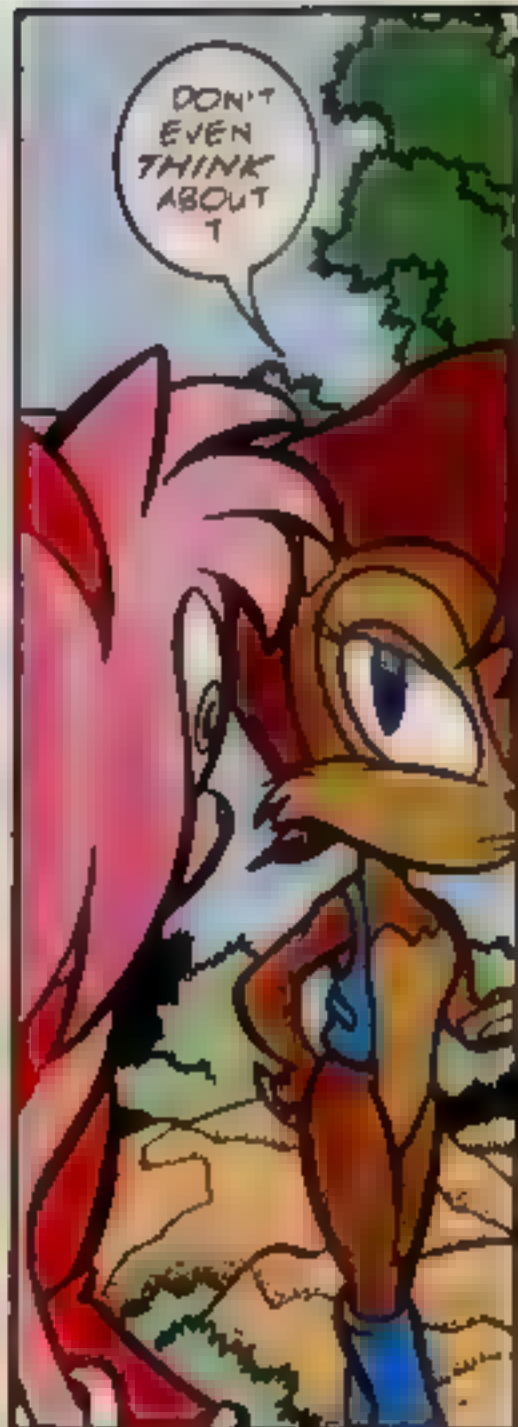


SON C AND
TAILS...



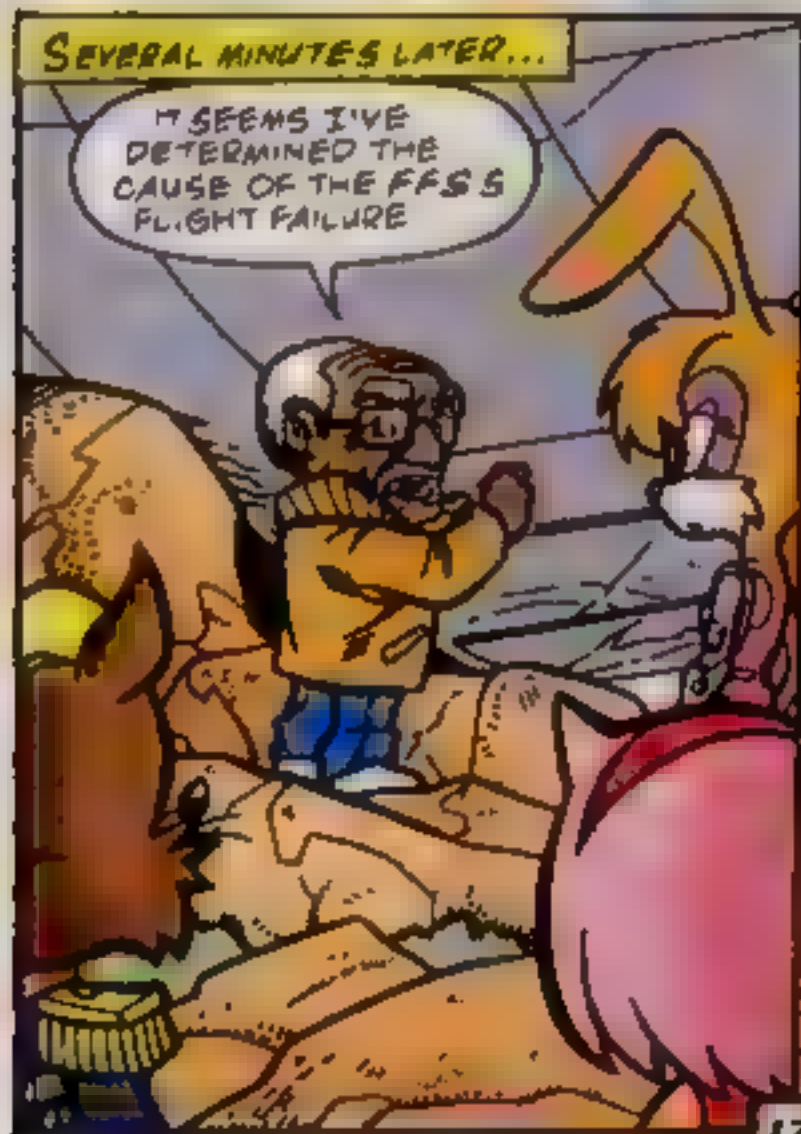
I'D LIKE
YOU TO DO A QUICK
RECONNAISSANCE
FOR ANY SIGNS
OF LIFE

CAN
I--



DON'T
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
IT

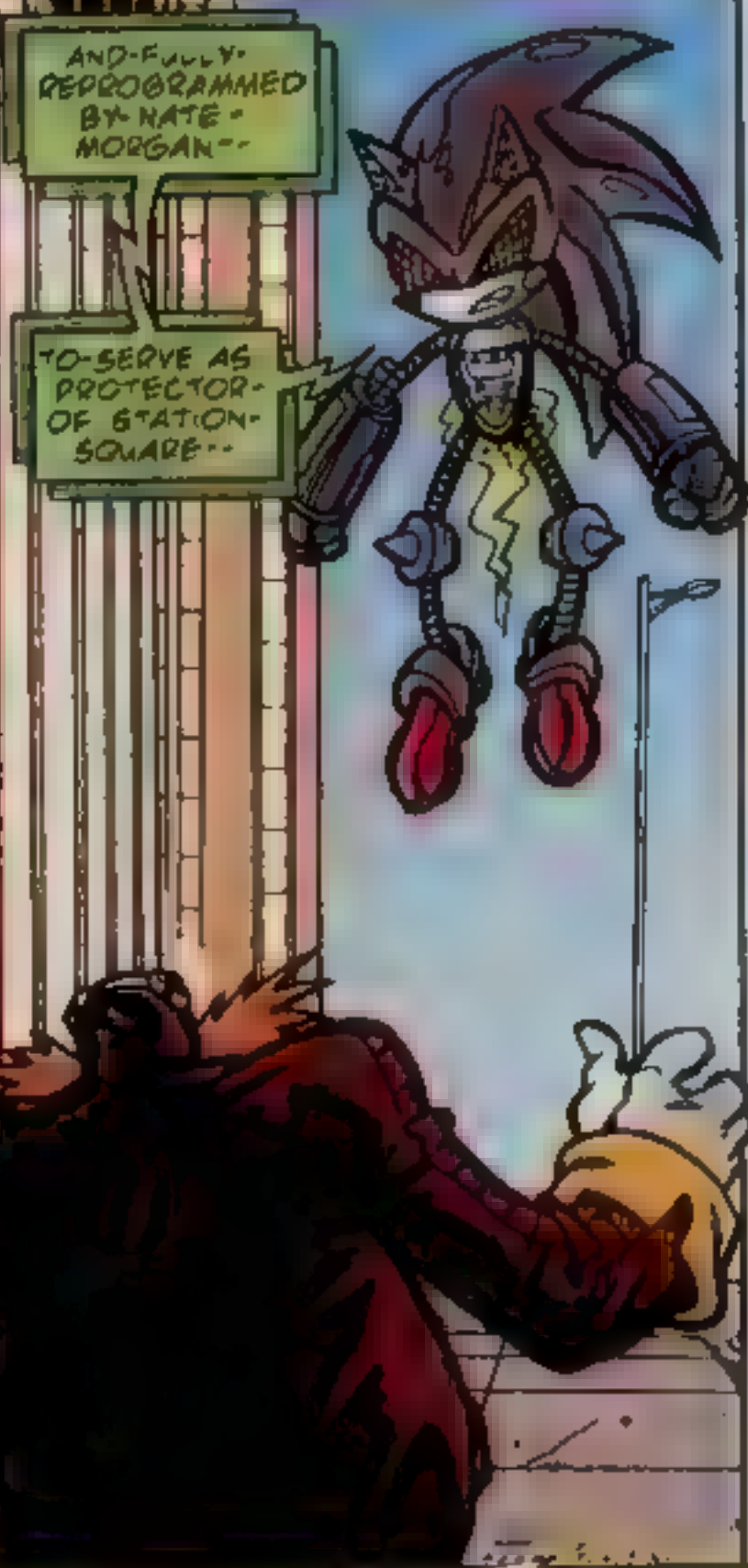
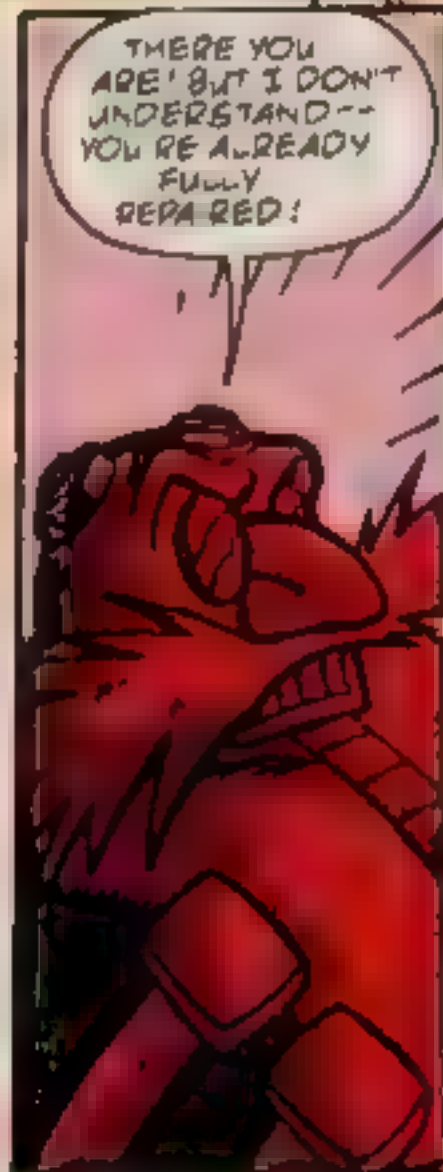
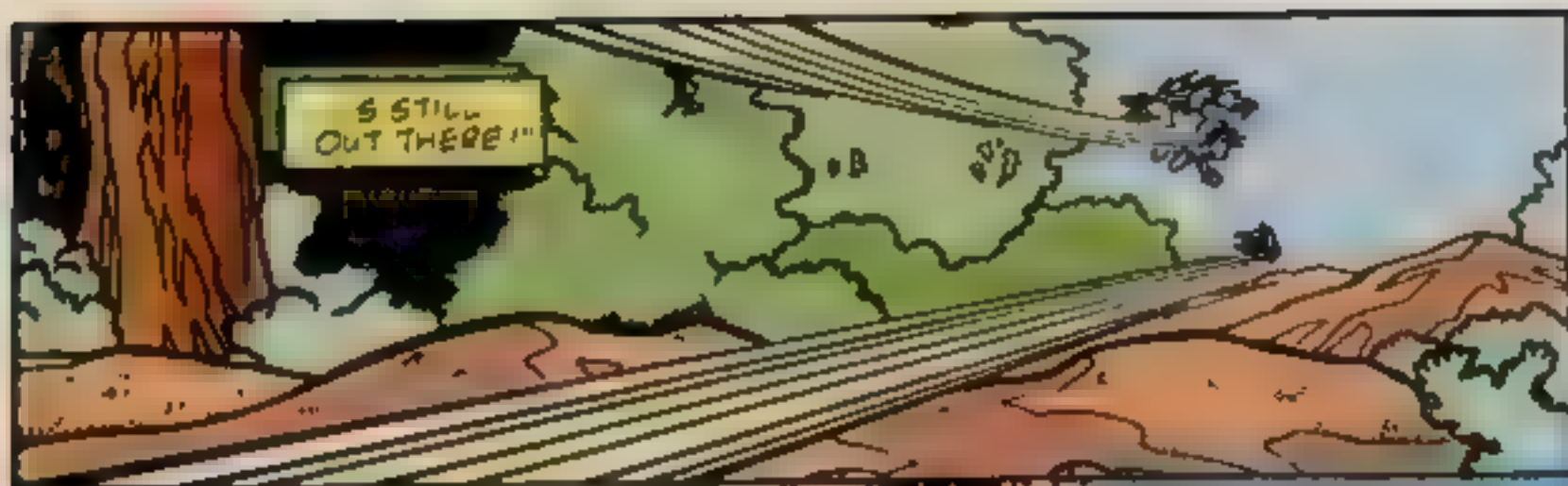
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...



IT SEEMS I'VE
DETERMINED THE
CAUSE OF THE FFS
FLIGHT FAILURE



IT WAS
SABOTAGE
AND WHOEVER'S
RESPONSIBLE



end

SOMEWHERE BENEATH
THE NORTH SEA
OF MOBIUS.

ROTOR

THE WALRUS

OH, MAN!
MY BATHYSPHERE HAS
BEEN DAMAGED BEYOND
REPAIR! SHE'S SINKING
LIKE A ROCK!

HOME & BACK

SCRIPT:
KARL BOLLERS
ART & LETTERS:
DIAMONDROSE
STUDIOS

THERE'S NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT--I'M IN
TOO DEEP!

GOTTA THINK FAST!
HOPEFULLY SOMEONE
WILL GET THIS
DISTRESS SIGNAL
CONTAINING MY
EXACT COORDINATES.

NEVER THOUGHT IT'D
END THIS WAY.

I LEFT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE MONTHS AGO TO FIND MY FAMILY. THE LAST TIME I SAW THEM...

.. THEY WERE BEING MIND-CONTROLLED BY DR. ROBOTNIK, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP MY SEARCH ANY

I'LL NEVER FORGET WHEN MY ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTER BUDDIES CONTACTED ME WITH THE GOOD NEWS...

..THAT MY MOM, MY BABY BRO' SKEETER, AND THE ENTIRE HERD HAD REGAINED THEIR FREE WILL!

...SENSE ROBOTNIK HAD DIED ALMOST A YEAR EARLIER. WE WERE REUNITED AGAIN

THEY COULDN'T RECALL ANYTHING THAT HAD OCCURRED WHILE UNDER THE EGGMAN'S INFLUENCE...

...INCLUDING TRYING TO ICE ME. THEY'D RESUMED LIVES FREE OF ANY PAINFUL MEMORIES.

FOR MONTHS IT WAS LIKE HEAVEN ON MOBIUS...

...UNTIL A LITTLE WHILE AGO!

I WOKE UP THIS MORNING...
AND EVERYTHING HAD CHANGED!

MUST...

DESTROY...

...ROTOR!

THE ENTIRE HERD, MOM AND SKEETER INCLUDED,
HAD REVERTED TO THEIR PREVIOUS STATE.
EVEN WORSE...

...THEY STILL HAD
IT IN FOR ME!
I COULD NEVER
HARM MY LOVED
ONES, SO I LOCKED
MYSELF IN MY SUB.

DIDN'T STOP 'EM, THOUGH!
THEY TOOK OUT THEIR
FRUSTRATIONS ON THE
BATHYSPHERE INSTEAD,
WHICH WASN'T TOO BAD...

...UNTIL SHE
STARTED
TAKING ON
WATER...

...WHICH STILL SEEMS
TO BE THE CASE!

OH NO! IF ANY WATER COMES
INTO CONTACT WITH THOSE
ELECTRICAL WIRES...

I'M SO FRIED!



NO TIME TO
WAIT FOR
A RESCUE
OPERATION!



I'LL
HAVE
TO...

HE IS
WAKING
UP!

WE ARRIVED JUST
IN THE NICK TEAM!



UGH!! THE ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
MY BATHYSHERE...



TAKE MY

CHANCES

WAS DESTROYED, BUT I HAVE
WORSE NEWS...

ROBOTNIK IS
BACK, RIGHT?

YES,
SORRY,
MY
FRIEND.

ME TOO...



end

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

J.F. GABRIEL
EDITOR

Wow!

Fan response to "SONIC ADVENTURE" has been overwhelming, and we're still getting letters. Therefore, we'll take this issue's editorial to get things started.

Catch you on the flip side!

[Handwritten signature]

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I have to say it. You're doing a great job on the "SONIC ADVENTURE" tie-in, even though I'm a little disappointed about the KNUCKLES series ending. I only hope that Knux can keep making regular appearances. As for a comment, I have one. I agree with Amy. I don't think it's fair that Tails gets to go on a bunch of adventures and she doesn't. The only reason why Tails has faced more dangerous situations is because Sonic gave him the chance to do so. It's only fair that Amy gets the same chance to prove she's trustworthy! I have a couple of questions: 1) What happened to Mina (the girl Sonic saved in issue #76)? 2) Will she become a Freedom Fighter? 3) How old is Sally? 4) How old are Tails and Amy? I can't wait until issue #80! 'Til then, see ya!

Heather Moring/Sandstone, MN

We feel the loss of Knuckles' monthly, as strongly as you do, Heather. Just because the sales on his book weren't strong enough to warrant continued publication, Knuckles' popularity is stronger than ever. That's the reason why he will now share the monthly reins with Sonic's book. After Island-shattering events occur in Knuckles' life in Sonic Super Special #14, Knuckles will make regular back-up story appearances starting with issue #88. As far as Amy is concerned, the trip to Station Square has given her the chance to prove herself! What'd you think of her new teenage debut? And now on to your questions: 1) Mina is home in Knothole, but she'll make appearances in SONIC #88 and #89. 2) That remains to be seen. 3) Sally is fifteen. 4) Tails is ten and Amy is now thirteen.

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next issue: Here we go, hog-fans! The return of one of your favorite villains. You can probably take a guess as to who it is by the cover on the right, but we're still not telling you. This issue is guest-scribed by long-time Spider-Man editor Danny Fingeroth with art by Sam Maxwell and Saleem Crawford. Also in this issue: Monkey Khan's origin revealed. Witness how Dr. Robotnik used Monkey to test out his first theories of robotics on organic beings. By Frank Strom with inks by Harvo.



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Greetings! I would just like to say that I love your comic and hope it goes on forever. I also like your pin-ups. They are fun. Keep up the good work! You guys are really busy. First you changed Sonic's appearance (green eyes, buckled shoes, etc.), then you replaced Manny Galan's artwork on KNUCKLES with someone else's (not that that's a bad thing, I just liked Manny's artwork a lot), next you make KNUCKLES a regular feature in SONIC, plus you are making a huge story that takes up six issues of SONIC plus a 48-page SUPER SPECIAL, and I'm sure it's not over yet. On with the questions: 1) What does "mon ami" mean? 2) Will you tell us more about Julie-Su's past with her family and friends in an upcoming issue? 3) Will we see Hyper Knuckles again? 4) Did Sonic get any faster after the Super Emerald changed him? 5) Are Mobius years longer than Earth's? Sonic and Knuckles were 15 for a long time. That's it for this month, see you later!

Kristi Nagadone/Kalispell, MT

1) "Mon ami" is French for "my friend." 2) Check out SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11 which featured a really cool Julie-Su solo tale that revealed a lot about her history. 3) We'll have to ask regular Knuckles' scribe, Ken Penders. 4) You'll see...you'll see. 5) Mobius years aren't longer than Earth. It just took us a lot longer in real life to present a year's worth of events.

Dear Sonic-Grans,

Raphyel Jordan here. I have a few questions about your new "SONIC ADVENTURE" adaptation: 1) Are Sonic and Amy gonna become a couple? I hope not! 2) After "SONIC ADVENTURE" is over, will the characters still keep their new looks and weapons? 3) Why are Bunnie's legs shaped differently than they used to be? 4) Will Sonic and Sally ever have more of a

relationship than being somewhere between the friends and the cute couples section? I wish they would actually start dating. Well, that's a wrap, and I wanna tell the crew that drew the SONIC #78 cover that they did a great job.

Gotta juice!

Raphyel Jordan/Franklin, TN

1) Sonic and Amy? An item? That'll be the day! 2) You bet! 3) Nate Morgan upgraded Bunnie's robotic parts in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11. 4) Don't hold your breath while waiting, Raphyel... but then, of course, you never know what the future holds.

Dear Editor,

I just read my forty-eighth issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and not one of them describes what happened to Bunnie's nor Tails' parents. I hope you guys make a Tails solo series. Hey! Whatever happened to Mercia? Gotta go!

Craig Thorngellson (age 11)

Brandon, CAN

Keep your eyes peeled, Craig-- Bunnie, Amy, and Antoine return to Mercia in issue #89.

Dear People Who Do Sonic-Grans,

May I start off by saying...NOT FAIR! Why only seven pages of Amy's mini-story? I was happily reading the lovely story when I turn the page and...AHNNGG! Not fair, it's just not fair! The story's finished? You really like annoying people, don't you? Now I have to wait to see Amy change.

Questions: 1) What happened to all of the robots Robotnik made like buzzbombers, catakillers, burrowbots, etc.? 2) Does Sonic still tap his foot when he gets impatient? I haven't seen him do it in, like, two years! 3) Is Sonic going to become Super-Sonic again?

Emma Hourigan/Townsville, AUSTRALIA

1) You can bet they're still around, Emma! 2) He's tapping while you're reading this. 3) Hope you caught Super-Sonic's appearance last issue!

Dear Sonic-Grans,

I have a few things to say. I think that the new artist is great! I like the way she/he makes Sonic and the other characters look so much like Japanese anime. Could you tell me her/his name? I would also like to ask a question of all the fans out there...what's all this talk about Sonic marrying Sally? I mean, I want them to be together and all, but don't you think they should wait until they're older or something? Plus, they're fighting evil constantly, so do you think they'd have the time? I also think that St. John is a big, fat jerk. So there!!! Next subject, I think the new "SONIC ADVENTURE" game and the Dreamcast system are cool. Well, that's all I have to say except keep on making SONIC comics! Thanks for listening...er um...reading.

Ebony Ann Marmon (age 13)

Melrose Park, PA

We're happy to hear...um...read how much you like our new artist, Ebony Ann. His name is FRY. And even though he took a breather to work on other projects, he had to admit he just couldn't get Sonic out of his blood. He returns in full swing with issue #88, with all the Japanese-anime style of drawing you can handle in a single issue.

We appreciate your comments on "SONIC ADVENTURE". See you in thirty when we print more feedback on that epic-rune! Until then...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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